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vote" reforms limiting the

powers of local branches and

the national conference.

Leaders of the National
Union of Teachers had pro-

posed automatic ballots on

conference decisions in a

package reminiscent of Tony

Blair's "new Labour" reforms.

But every element was voted

down in a humiliating rebuff

for Doug McAvoy, the general secretary, who described it as

The proposed changes had

who voted in a union poll, but leftwingers at the conference

cent turnout was too low to be

They went on to win the key-

vote to refer the ballots idea

28,000 votes, and with the executive swinging further to the left this year, the scheme

Mr McAvoy said that the decision might cost the union members because teachers would see that far left groups

who said that the votes would

help his union to overtake the NUT. The NUT has 175,000

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MOON TODAY

tress told last night of a campaign of intimidation waged against her after she identified youths who broke into a teacher's car. Judith Elderkin said six weeks of terror came to a head on Sunday night with an arson attack on Mariborough Road Infants' School in Sal-ford, Greater Manchester. Mrs Elderkin, a member of

A primary school headmis-

the National Union of Teach-

The Times on the Internet http://www.the-times.co.uk

ers' executive, spoke about her ordeal as the union demanded new measures to improve school security. Doug Mc-Avoy, the General Secretary, said the school shared many of the problems of access and a lack of perimeter fencing that concerned the union national-

Head tells of school arson

The reign of terror began just days after Mrs Elderkin and two colleagues helped police to identify a number of youths who broke into a teacher's car and stole a radio. Almost 40 windows were broken in one weekend bout of vandalism. A few days later Mrs Elderkin found a group of youths on the school roof. When she ordered them down, they responded with a hail of

stones. Salford Education Authority posted a 24-hour guard on the school, at a cost of £1,800 a week. The guards themselves were taunted by local teenagers for "protecting grasses".

Speaking at the NUT's con-ference, Mrs Elderkin said: "I came to the conference feeling fairly secure because the school was being guarded, but I did not imagine for a moment what would ensue. Schools should be a safe



Judith Elderkin: attacked

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Champagne candidate

Barbara Follett has upset Tory Stevenage

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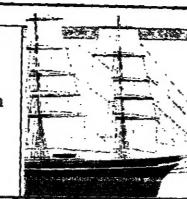
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No to Blair-style 'one member, one vote'

Left defeats NUT plan for reform

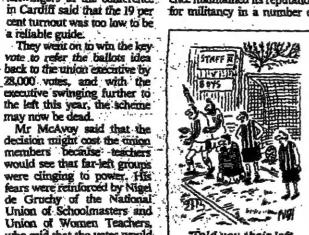
By John O'Leary, Education editor

MILITANT teachers inflicted members, compared with 300,000 in the Sixties; NAS/UWT membership has a devastating defeat on moderates trying to extend democracy in Britain's biggest teaching risen to 157,000. union yesterday when they Mr McAvoy insisted, how-ever, that he would continue to threw out "one member, one

press for the kind of union that would have resulted had the conference accepted his rec-ommendations. I find it difficult to understand what justification delegates have for rejecting the proposal that conference decisions should be put to members for endorsement," he said.

"Some of those who claim to represent their members know that they do not do so, but are determined anyway to keep in their hands the power to determine union policy."

been supported by almost 85 per cent of 39,000 members Apart from rejecting Mr McAvoy's reforms, the conference maintained its reputation for militancy in a number of



Told you their left wing was dangerous'

fields. Delegates called for strikes in any schools where teachers were "victimised" as a result of the new school inspection system, which they said should be scrapped. They also said that "hit squads" for failing schools should be disbanded and demanded walkouts at premises that are considered unsafe. Today, if time permits, the conference will vote on a new boycott of

classroom tests. In the debate on union democracy, Graham Smith from Newham, east London, said that the NUT had been hijacked by a minority. Most teachers had neither the time nor the inclination to attend tedious" union meetings.

"People get there to be greeted by raucous newspaper sellers. They get inside to be subjected to a long harangue by half a dozen sad individuals about the need to waste their own money on the Socialist Workers' Party." The proour opportunity to start reclaiming this union for the overwhelming majoity

members," But Bill Goodswen of Kirklees said the reforms would herald "tick box" democracy that was an insult to trade union values, and Jane Coombs of east London, said: I came to conference having been ratified by members in a ballot. Why do I need to be ratified again?"

Activists' strategy, page 2



right, comforts team-mate Dave Busst after an accidental leg so hadly that it required three hours of surgery last night and could threaten his livelihood (Rob Hughes writes). The accident came at Old Trafford, Manchester United's ground, and drained a 50,332 holiday crowd of the

Moment of horror silences fans

going for the championship, or the fear of Coventry City perhaps going down. Busst, 28, was stretching in search of the fifth goal of his career. He crashed against United's Irish international Denis Irwin, and instantly the whole

ouno ieli inio a nush. The leg was at a grotesque angle, and it took nine minutes to swab the goalmouth clear of blood, after part of the bone had come through the flesh. Dublin, whose own career as a Manchester United player was ended by a badly broken

leg, was on hand as Coventry's captain to try to console Busst, along with Liam Naish, left. and the Manchester United player Brian McClair.

You hope never to see that in a young, clean-cut defender. you never want it to happen," commented Alex Ferguson.

the Manchester United man-The 22 players filed away ashen-faced from a match that, if anyone still cared, was ultimately won by a single goal from Manchester United's Eric Cantona.

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Plastic bullets fired at rioting loyalists

By NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

RIOT police opened fire with plastic bullets last night after loyalists in Belfast attacked RUC officers with bottles and petrol bombs.

In the most serious rioting in Northern Ireland since last summer's marching season, an elderly woman had a suspected heart attack as police clashed with up to 1,000 loyalists on the Ormeau Road in south Belfast. The loyalists threw empty beer bottles, metal bars and planks at the police and broke into a garage to try to set fire to the roof. The RUC later blamed outsiders for orchestrating the unirest.

The rioting began about 5pm after a tense stand-off between the marchers and the RUC that had continued all day. Loyalists were furious that the RUC had banned the Apprentice Boys from marching along the nationalist Lower Falls Road.

Police in armour-plated vehicles blocked off the road at first light to prevent the parade from passing through at 7.30am. This led to sporadic skirmishes in which three police officers and two civil-

ians were injured.
The violence increased when a loyalist band from Carrickfergus, Co Antrim, joined the protest late in the afternoon and staged an impromptu march down the Ormeau Road in support of the Apprentice Boys. As the band tried to force its way through the police blockade on the Ormeau Bridge, officers in riot gear were ordered to

disperse the loyalists. Shortly afterwards, another loyalist band tried to march through the police lines. Within minutes, masked loyalists ran out of side streets and threw petrol bombs at the police lines. Officers retaliated by firing scores of plastic bullets into the crowd.

Sinn Fein begrudgingly praised the RUC for rerouting the march. Pat McGeown, chairman of the Sinn Fein group on Belfast City Council, said it was insulting for loyalists to march through a na-

London shares fall feared

Shares in London are expected to fall sharply today after stocks and bonds plurameted in New York in delayed reaction to buoyant US employment figures published on Good Friday. Trading was temporarily halted to restore calm but the Dow Jones

Liberia peace collapses

Fighting in Liberia between government troops and supporters of a deposed warlord was believed to be spreading and tens of thousands of people sought refuge in diplomatic compounds in Monrovia. Many thousands have fled the capital for the Ivory

Skier killed

A British woman died after falling 1000ft on to rocks while skiing off-piste in the French Alps. The 32-year-old from London, whose identity was not released, was skiing with her husband at 7,260 feet near Grave.

Mackay seeks curb on European court

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

make an unprecedented visit to Strasbourg next month to seek backing from other countries for curbs on the European Court of Human Rights. The proposals for restricting the court's powers come after a series of embarrassing rul-

ings, which has put Britain almost at the top of the league table for breaches of the European Convention on Human Rights. The court held recently that the Government was wrong to order a journalist to disclose his sources. In February the Home Secretary was held to have no right to specify when child killers should be released.

A document outlining Britain's position has been drawn up by the Foreign Office and issued to all 38 members of the Council of Europe, which have power to alter the court's procedures. Lord Mackay of Clashfern will put Britain's case for greater controls on the way the court's judges are selected and a strengthening of the principle that the court

THE Lord Chancellor is to should, not interfere with "long-standing laws and prac-tices" except where "manifest-

ly contrary to the convention". In particular, the Government wants to ensure that the court pays "full regard to the decisions by democractic legislatures and differing legal traditions". The initiative coincides with

a move for curbs on the European Court of Justice at the European Union's intergovernmental conference and the reform of the human rights court. Lord Mackay and the Government will seek to reduce the influence of the reorganised court. The proposals include informal vetting of judges before their nomination.

There is concern that the quality of judgments may be weakened because of the rapidly expanding size of the Council of Europe.

A further proposal is for some kind of pre-trial procedure, as is common in English courts, to "hone" down the issues.



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Washington press welcomes Blair visit

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

TONY BLAIR'S arrival in Washington later this week. the first visit by a Labour leader in six years, is generatnoticeably more positive coverage — in the US media than the Prime Minister's regular

visits do. Mr Blair was yesterday the subject of an enthusiastic fourpage profile in the masscirculation People magazine. "In less than two years he has thoroughly reshaped Labour. which hasn't won a general election in 22 years, by stripping away the trappings of its socialist past to attract middle-class voters," it

A weekend article in The Washington Post called Mr Blair a "premier-in-waiting"

and his transformation of Labour's electoral prospects a "minor political miracle". A New York Times interview with Mr Blair last week led off with his assertion that a Labour government would seek not to dismantle Thatcherism - so popular in America - but remedy its

The weekly magazine US News and World Report said Mr Blair had "firmly positioned Labour in the centre" and suggested that if he and President Clinton both won their approaching elections "the empathy between the two could match the harmonious Reagan-Thatcher era". Indeed, it would be the first time since 1979 that Britain would

shortcomings.

Tony Blair and Michael Heseltine will today lead a cavalcade of senior politicians into the fray for final campaigning in the Staffordshire South East by-election. Their arrival underlines the significance of the tightlyfought contest that could reduce the Tory majority in the Commons to one.

Both main parties acknowledge that Thursday's voting will be closer than other by elections in recent years. Labour claims its private polls point to victory, while Tory strategists are pinning their hopes on large numbers of voters who have yet to make up their minds. The result may well hinge on the turnout in a week when many are on holiday.

while a Democrat occupied the Oval Office.

Most flattering of all was a 12-page profile in February's New Yorker magazine headlined simply: "The Next Prime Minister". Its author, Sidney Blumenthal, is hosting a reception for Mr Blair on Thursday evening, one of a series of events designed to introduce the Labour leader to the

two-day visit. Between meetings with President Clinton, Vice-President Al Gore and other top administration officials he is breakfasting with the Washington Post editorial board, giving a press conference at the National Press Club, at-

American media during his

tending a media lunch organised by an ABC executive, and giving interviews to Mr Blair will not be meeting Bob Dole, the Republican residential nominee, or Newt Gingrich, the Republican House Speaker. Congress is not sitting and neither man

intends to be in Washington. John Smith, Mr Blair's predecessor, did not manage to visit Washington while he was Labour leader before his death in 1994. Neil Kinnock visited in 1990, in part to repair the damage of his disastrous visit 1987 when President Reagan did his best to assist Margaret Thatcher, his ideological soulmate, before Britain's approaching general

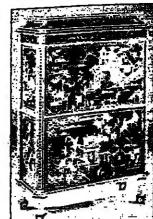
Mr Reagan made clear his opposition to Labour's unilateralism and treated his visitor with minimum courtesy. Mr Blair can bank on far better treatment from Mr Clinton. who has little affection for a Conservative Party whose officials advised President Bush on ways to defeat him in

The US media response to Mr Blair's visit, which begins on Thursday, suggested that the attempt by the Conserva-tive Central Office's research department to discredit the trip with a memorandum headed "Blair's un-American activities" had failed. The document, which had been sent to Republican-sympathising journalists in the United States, evoked unfortunate memories of the McCarthyite

Woodrow Wyatt, page 14

Chippendale desk saved for nation

A unique piece of Chippen-dale furniture, an exquisite 1773 lady's writing desk believed lost for decades. has been saved for the nation. Some £436,500 has been raised to return it to its original home. Osterley Park House in west London, the National Trust property that Horace Walpole once described as a palace of palaces. The desk appears in a 1922 photograph of Osterley's dressing-room, unaltered since it was decorated in the early 1770s by Robert Adam in an Etruscan style. The



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original bill for £26. a sizeable sum then, had survived, but the trust had long been searching for the actual piece. The Government stepped in to allow a British buyer to match the purchase price offered to a London dealer and keep it in Britain, such is the desk's importance as a heritage item. Responding to the National Trust's plea for help, an anonymous benefactor donated £100,000, the National Heritage Memorial Fund gave £261,500 and the National Art Collections Fund provided £75,600. The desk is veneered with Chinese lacquer. The upper section has a fall front which opens to reveal a range of drawers and pigeon-holes the lower section opens with two doors revealing three long drawers. All the original interior fittings have survived. The piece will go on show at Osterley at the beginning of next month.

Girls pocket more

Girls are receiving more pocket money than boys for only the second time in 22 years, possibly because they are becoming increasingly assertive about asking their parents for more money. The average weekly allowance for children is £2.40, up 35p on last year, with £2.39 for boys and £2.41 for girls, according to the annual Wall's Pocket Money Monitor. The group which has fared best over the past 12 months are 5-7 year-olds, who have £1.09 to spend each week, well up on last year's figure of 75p. The 14-16 year-old age group receives an average £4.40 a week.

Government loses £5m

Property worth almost E5 million has vanished from government departments over the past five years. Among the more noticeable items are a thermal imaging device from the Ministry of Defence valued at £118,000, Royal Navy rockets worth £104.000, and a Home Office horsebox which cost £6,500. Losses have been steadily accelerating, rising from £416,437 in 1991-92 to £1,973,042 in the last financial year. They totalled £4,941,409 over the past five years, according to government figures compiled by the Labour Party from ministers' written answers.

Cameras call after killing

A Home Office minister has backed calls for closed-circuit television to be installed in Chapeltown, Leeds, following the weekend robbery and murder of Stevan Popovic, 74 when he stopped to ask for directions. Police expressed disappointment yesterday at a lack of witnesses coming forward with information. Timothy Kirkhope. MP for Leeds North-East, is supporting a CCTV scheme with West Yorkshire police and the local council. He said: "Had it been in place, there is a strong possibility that at least one camera would have assisted in identification of the culprit."

Boy dies in bike plunge

A teenager died and his cousin was seriously injured when the trail motorcycle they were riding crashed down an embankment into the river Lyon near Perth. Stuart Pilmer, 13. from Carlisle, who was on holiday in Sectland with his family, was treated at the scene by emergency services and then flown by helicopter with his cousin to Dundee Royal Infirmary. He was pronounced dead soon after arrival. Paul McGarva, 16, also from Carlisle, suffered serious injuries and was described last night by a hospital spokesman as "stable but poorly".

Child for BBC widow

The widow of John Schofield, a BBC reporter shot dead in Croatia last year, has given birth to their baby. Susannah Schofield, 29, gave birth to 8lb 6oz Charlotte at St Thomas's Hospital in London. Schofield was killed last August on an assignment for Radio 4. He was 29. It was learnt in November that his wife was expecting their first child. Mrs Schofield said then: "I am very happy at the news, but also very sad that John will never know the child. He would have been a brilliant father." The couple had been married

New Royal Park hope

Waste tips betwen the East End and the M25 could be transformed into the largest of London's Royal Parks if the Millenium Commission accepts an application from the Royal Parks Agency for £28 million of National Lottery money to create an eastern equivalent to Richmond Park in the west. A decision is expected this month. Stretching from Rainham to the M25, the provisionally named Millenium Park would take in land presently used for gravel extraction and waste tipping as well as some parkland.

Tax staff collect £4.2m

A syndicate of 19 Glasgow tax inspectors has won £4,245,315 in last week's rollover National Lottery. The staff from the Inland Revenue's Centre One office in East Kilbride are expected to collect their winnings today. Each receives £223,437.63. Another of the five jackpot ticket winners, Lynn English, 28. of West Derby, Merseyside, who is pregnant, learnt of her £4.2 million prize hours after being told that she would lose her job when the pet shop where she works

Loss of adventurous vocabulary and sentence structures highlighted

Survey prompts a heated debate on writing skills

THE decline in writing skills among teenagers detected in a new study has fuelled the debate among educationists about modern teaching methods. Some say the study shows that pupils are not being given a proper grounding in stan-dard English. Others argue that it does not reflect with any accuracy the intelligence and levels of education being by achieved 16-year-olds

The study, reported in The Times yesterday, is by the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate which compared examination papers from the 1980 O level in English with those from English GCSE students in 1994. Researchers concluded that there had been a sixfold increase in non-standard English, an increase in the frequency of incorrect spelling and a decline in the correct use of punctuation. Pupils did not employ the adventurous vocabulary and sentence structures of their counterparts 14

Michael Marland, head of the 2,000 pupil-North Westminster Community School spent the Easter weekend producing worksheets to teach how words are constructed with prefixes and suffixes derived from Latin.

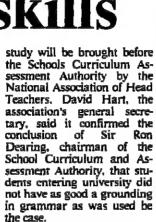
While cautious about whether the study compared like with like, since only the most able pupils in 1980 would have been entered for O level. he believes it unmasks the



Dearing: found decline in proper use of grammar

"I am of the opinion that for

Too many people believe that spelling is an external politeness, whereas in fact, it is a clue to language." He said the derivation of spelling was underplayed in modern teaching where the emphasis was on phonetics. Many children were not even taught basic punctuation, such as the use of



"We have to give serious consideration to what they are

saying. We have to look at the GCSE syllabuses to see if in fact they are deficient in these

He dismissed the argument

that today's pupils were better

at creative writing tha those of

the past. "Creative writing

should go hand in hand with

good grammar. All writing

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good grammar begins in pri-

Anne Barnes, general secre-

tary of the National Associ-

ation for the Teaching of

English, defended modern

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mary schools," he said.

current curriculum.

He said head teachers were

a foundation

failure of English teaching. been teaching the English language. We have been assuming that students will pick it up while they are reading literature. Reading is necessary but not sufficient to learn

the semi-colon. He said he was not arguing for regional differences to be ironed out, but felt that children needed to be taught standard English.

Concerns raised by the



Lester Koopman, the South African who is co-ordinating the placements

British schools employ black South Africans

By David Charter, education correspondent

BLACK reachers are being recruited from South Africa to work in Britain's inner-city

Ten black people from South Africa have been taken on by Britain's largest supply teacher agency, and the agency hopes to have more than 100 by the end of 1997.

TimePlan, the 600 temporary teachers in the capital's schools each day, has held two recruitment tours and employed a South African teacher to help co-ordinate

Ian Penman, co-director of TimePlan, said: "There is a clear shortage of black teachers in London who can also act ren. We do not produce too many of them in this country but South Africa does."

The Department for Education and Employment confirmed the proportion of nonwhite teachers was lower than the number of people of ethnic origin. There are no quotas for teachers," a spokesman said. "They are employed for not for any other reason, but we would welcome moves to bring good teachers from eth-

minorities into the population." The South Africans' work visas are limited to two years. Mr Penman said: "We are not part of a brain drain taking the best people from South there is a benefit when they go back to South Africa, too. London is a tremendously successful multiracial community in many ways and it is good for South Africans to see that working."

TimePlan also employs white South Africans and large numbers from other

Commonwealth countries. Lester Koopman, the South African, one of the first South Africans to sign up with TimePlan. is now co-ordinating placements. He said: "This was the answer to my dreams because I wanted to travel overseas.It was possible to come over here and work so I could pay off my student loan.

Leading article, page 15 as role models for black child-Africa never to return. Clearly How fifty left-wing teachers planned coup against union

EDUCATION EDITOR

THREE political groupings vie for influence on the left of the National Union of Teachers. All three were working in concert yesterday to defeat the leadership's plans to extend democracy in the union.

Leftwingers have been planning their strategy for months. Activists met in Leicester at the end of January to organise their campaign of resistance to the union's "one member, one vote" proposals which could destroy the militants' power base within Britain's biggest

The Leicester meeting provided an illustration of the disproportionate influence wielded by the far Left. It was attended by fewer than 50 NUT members, yet on the floor of conference this weekend leftwingers have won all the big votes. Carole Regan, a long-standing member of the

Labour was accused of trying to "out-Tory the Tories" on education policy by the country's second largest teachers' union yesterday. Peter Cole, president of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Feachers, speaking at the union's annual conference in Glasgow, said: "Hypocrisy and cant are very much to the fore in the politics of education. The naivity of Harriet Harman in believing that a private-life decision to send her second child to a selective grant-maintained school could be separated from a public-life philosophy is staggering."

Socialist Teachers' Alliance (STA), the leading group on the Left, has chaired the conference as this year's president. She will be succeeded next year by Christine Blower. vho supports the other main leftwing coalition, the Campaign for a Democratic and Fighting Union (CDFU).

has masterminded the Left's strategy with Ian Murch. a former treasurer of the union and leading light of the CDFU. Between them, the two groups accounted for a third of the union's executive last year and have strengthened their position in pre-conference The STA, which includes members of Militant and oth-

Neither group was involved in the rowdy scenes at last year's conference, directed at David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary. Most of

fellow executive member. He

the Socialist Workers' Party. which split from the STA after a bitter post-mortem about the impact of the protest.
The Socialist Workers' Party

has little influence on the executive, but is well represented on the conference floor. Most of those who harangued Mr Blunkett were back this year, and the party's supporters were prominent in the more orderly demonstration against Gillian Shephard.

All three groups find it easy to wield influence in the NUT's increasingly moribund local associations. A succession of delegates bemoaned the low level of participation in union affairs yesterday. Bill Moorehead, of the Northern TUC executive, recalled regu-lar meetings of 100 members in Co Durham, which had now dwindled to single figures.

Militant victory, page 1

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Easter will give way to chill

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Labour Party, is a well-

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BY GEOFF KING

THE end of the Easter break brought heavy traffic on many roads last night and a warning that the warm sunshine enjoyed by much of the country would give way to a wintry chill.

Delays were reported on routes to resorts and attractions. Sea mists and high cloud kept sunbathers away from South Coast beaches Theme parks reported one of their busiest Easters.

Sunshine will return to some areas today but the London Weather Centre said that easterly winds later in

the week would bring a drop in temperature, rain and the possibility of snow on higher ground in the north. The RAC said last night:

"There was congestion around Chester Zoo. Skepness was very busy and there were long delays on the M55 heading for Blackpool even though the weather was not that great." An accident on the A74 southbound caused eight-mile tailback in Dumfries and Galloway and holidaymakers returning from the Lake District were slowed by an accident on the

The AA said a chemical

spillage on the M1 in Shef-field closed part of the motor-way for three hours. "Roads busy coming back from the New Forest, Lake District. South Coast and West Country," a spokesman said. Both motoring organisations said that as schools were still

be staggered. Heathrow and Gatwick reported numbers up on last Easter. Heathrow said the most popular destinations had been Florida, the Far East and the Eastern Mediterranean, including Turkey.

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MI5 joins Cabinet Office

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A SENIOR MIS official has been appointed to oversee Britain's intelligence and security organisations and will be

responsible for ensuring secret material is properly disseminated throughout Whitehall. After criticisms by Sir Richard Scott in his report on the sale of arms-related equipment to Iraq, the Gov-errment promised improvements to the way intelligence was passed between depart-

ments. The Scott report disclosed that key evidence of a British company's involve-

ment in the Iraqi supergun affair was not relaid to Customs

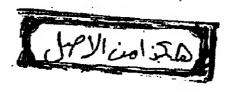
The MIS official who has moved to be intelligence coordinator in the Cabinet Office, will be expected to act on Sir Richard's criticisms of the management of secret

His appointment, which has not been officially announced, is part of a renewed effort by John Major to ensure that the security and intelligence agencies do not withhold material. Two MI5 officers knew of suspicions that a British company, Forgemaster, was making huge steel tubes as gun

barrels for a possible Iraqi supergun yet neither of them passed this information to Whitehall's Restricted Enforcement Unit, which moni-

tors sensitive export sales. The new intelligence coordinator answers directly to Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, and chairs various groups responsible for intelligence management.

The shake-up comes as two-of the intelligence agency chiefs retire. Dame Stella Rimington retired as directorgeneral of MI5 at the end oflast week , and was succeeded by Stephen Lander, 48, who takes over today.



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is his grandfather had a register but the trust had haple BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH the state of the control of the second state of the control of the A WELSH car worker plans to apply to the Scottish courts in the next few weeks to exhume the body of a distinguished aristocrat for DNA testing in an attempt to prove that he is the man's illegitimate Ken Matthews, who lives

near Swansea, wants to exhume the body of Andrew Mansel Talbot Fletcher, 10th Laird of Saltoun, who died in 1951 and is buried in the family vault in the churchyard at East Saltoun, near Haddington, Lothian, and who was the owner of valuable estates in

Scotland and Epping.

Mr Matthews is convinced that he is the laird's grandson and a descendant of Andrew "The Patriot" Fletcher, who died in 1716 and occupies a special place in Scottish history as one of the strongest opponents of the Union with

Mr Matthews, the father of a teenage son, has spent years trying to unravel his family history. He was born in a workhouse in Wales in 1937 and nine months after his birth was given up for adoption, a fact he discovered only as an adult. Attempts to trace his parents were initially unfruitful as adoption papers which should have been lodged in the court in Neath

Eventually, spurred on by a mysterious illness which may prove to be hereditary, he discovered that his mother was Ivy Pinn, a maid at Margam Castle, near Swansea, which was owned by the Fletchers before being sold in the late 1930s. He traced two half-sisters who told him about his mother, who had died in 1988, before he had a chance to meet her But they



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Ivy Pinn: she worked at Margam Castle in 1930s

tion about his father, who is recorded on his birth certificate as "unknown". He then turned his atten-

tions to Margam Castle and managed to trace some of the servants who had worked with his mother. Penny Matthews, his wife, said: "We were expecting to hear that his father was the under-gardener or something like that. We were amazed when we were told it was the laird."

Several former members of staff were prepared to tell their that that Ivy Pinn had had a 12-year affair with John "Jock" could give him little informa- Theodore Talbot Fletcher, 11th Laird of Saltoun, and that he was Mr Manhews's father. Mr Manhews has been told that the laird and the chambermaid were relatively open about their relationship and

were often seen together. Mr Fletcher's marriage to Nora Gabbett-Mullenhan in 1933 was dissolved after four years, within days of lvy giving birth to her son. The couple had no children. Ivy was sent away and all links with the castle were cut.

In August 1994, Mr Mat-thews and his wife visited the 4,000-acre Copped Hall estate in Essex where Mr Fletcher was living, aged 90. According to Mrs Matthews, Mr Fletcher had been friendly until they mentioned the name of Ivy Pinn. Then he clammed up and they were asked to

A request for a blood sample from Mr Fletcher for DNA testing was met with a "curt rebuff" from his solicitors, according to Mrs Matthews. In April last year Mr Fletcher died and was cremated. His estate passed to his nephew, Andrew Fleicher.

Mrs Matthews insists her husband is not motivated soleby money, although the Fletcher estate is said to be worth millions. Jock Fletcher had inherited money from his spinster great-aunt, Emily Talbot, one of the richest women of her day, whose family gave its name to Port

Mr Matthews suffers from

fainting fits and is anxious to discover whether the condition is hereditary. Mrs Matthews said: "This is a very frustrating time. Ken needs to find out what is wrong with him and what causes the fainting. The only way he can do this is by tracing his family, but we've been blocked at every turn." The Matthewses have the



Ken Matthews at Margam Castle. His wife insists that he is not motivated solely by the Fletchers' wealth

backing of their MP, Don Anderson, and are intent on pursuing their claim through the Scottish courts. A firm of Scottish solicitors has been appointed and Mrs Matthews says an application for an order to exhume the body of Andrew Fletcher will be made

Son of castle maid hopes DNA tests will show he is heir to wealthy estates

Such applications, although rare in Scotland, are not unprecedented. An application is made through the relevant Sheriff Court and the Sheriff decides whether or not to grant the order.

If Mr Matthews can establish a link with the Fletchers, he will be able to claim Scottish ancestry of a high distinction. Andrew "The Patriot" Fletcher was the eldest son of a prosperous laird, Sir and inherited the title at the age of 12

His mother, Katherine Bruce, claimed descent from the grandfather of Robert the Bruce. In 1955 a plaque was erected to him by the Saltire Society at East Saltoun church. Every September the society organises a meeting at the church to honour his

Mr Matthews's plans to pursue his claim will be resisted strongly by the Fletcher family. William Barr, of the Cambridge solcitors Mills & Reeve, said: "Asking to exhume other people's relatives is, to put it mildly, in extreme-ly bad taste. Mr Matthews's claims are completely without legal foundation and any attempt at exhumation will be



Jock Fletcher and his great-aunt, Emily Talbot, one of the richest women of the late Victorian era

Twins in canal had given up careers

BY STEWART TENDLER

IDENTICAL twins killed and dumped in a London canal abandoned promising careers and a middle-class home to become alcoholic beggars, police said yesterday.

Anthony Langford, 38, once trained as a solicitor and Christopher worked as a landscape gardener for a council near their home at Brombam. Bedfordshire. But the redheaded boys, sons of a school-teacher, became alcoholics before they were 20 and died with a reputation as drunken lighters and beggars.

When sober they were quiet and intelligent: drunk, they were a different story. One voluntary worker said vesterday: They were fiery haired and fiery natured. When they got drunk all the unhappiness came out."

Their bodies were found 50 yards apart in a stretch of the Regent's Canal in Islington. north London, close to public gardens where they sometimes slept. Christopher's body was found on March 26. He had head injuries which at first were thought to have been caused by a boat's propeller. Police could not identify him.

Anthony's body, wrapped in a blue blanket, was found last week. He had been beaten around the head. A policeman recognised him and the two bodies were later linked.

Police believe they had both been in the water for some weeks. They probably died at about the same time, possibly close to their birthday on March 12. In the next few days police will drain the canal where the bodies were found.

Detectives believe clues to the deaths could lie among other down and outs. The two men may have died in a fight with other alcoholics or they may have been involved in buying small amounts of amphetamines, run up debts and

lought over the money.

Last night their family remained silent at the threebedroom family home. The twins also had an older sister and brother. Their mother left when they were quite young and their father remarried. The twins kept in touch with birthday cards and messages but never returned to the family home in Bromham.

Academic claims Shakespeare was closet Catholic

A PLAY long seen as one of bow to the authorities." Ten Shakespeare's lighter romantic connedies is in truth a daringly subversive attack on Elizabeth I's persecution of Roman Catholics, according to an Oxford academic.

Love's Labour's Lost has

puzzled scholars, convinced there must be more to it than a daft story of French courtiers who take an oath of celibacy, only to find themselves challenged by a group of women. Now Margarita Stocker, a fellow of St Hilda's College and a lecturer in English literature, claims to have cracked the code and to have

exposed the playwright tradi-tionally seen as head of public relations for the Protestant Tudor dynasty as a campaigner for minority Catholic rights. Dr Stocker, 40, found her first clue in Shakespeares naming of his daughters Su-sanna and Judith. The names are taken from the Apocrypha, books of the Bible denounced as bogus by the Protestant establishment of the time. They demonstrate the playwright's determination not to

years after Judith was born, Shakespeare wrote Love's Labour's Lost.

The play's central figure of the princess is curningly im-bued with many of the characteristics of the biblical Judith, regarded by Catholics as their heroine. Judith's biblical enemy Holofernes also appears in the play, as a repellent schoolmaster of the same name."

According to Dr Stocker, the play also contains cryptic references to contemporary political events. The theme of sexual intrigue at the King of Navarre's court is a satire on Henry IV of France's cynical conversion to Catholicism in order to gain the throne.

Dr Stocker, whose conclusions appear in the new edition of the Shakespeare Yearbook, said: "Love's Labour's Lost is Shakespeare's most enigmatic play but, when set in historic context, its meaning becomes startlingly clear. The play is shot through with clever anti-Protestant gibes." Shakespeare clung to his Catholic faith despite the dan-



Love's Labour's Lost

gers, she says. "Writing Love's Labour's Lost was terrifically daring. It gives us a new view of our most famous playwright as a subversive rather than an establishment toady." Anne Barton, professor of English at Cambridge, said Or Stocker's theory "sounds like rubbish to me. I thought we had got away from using Love's Labour's Lost as a secret play containing all kinds of hidden messages. Shakespeare's father probably died a Catholic though he had done everything to present himself as a conforming Protestant, but there is no proof whatever about Shakespeare himself.

"Love's Labour's Lost is a wonderfully Elizabethan play, full of pyrotechnics and wordplay, that has no need of elab-

Princess's private face goes on show

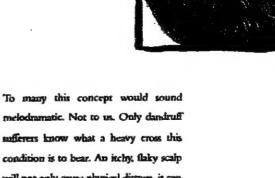
Ramsden's serves up fish and chip record

THE world record for sales of fish and chips was broken when more than 12,100 portions were served at Harry Ransden's in Melbourne on Good Friday. There was a queue of up to half a mile for what Egon Ronay has described as Britain's most distinctive contribution to

world cuisine". The first portions were served at 7.45am and by closing time about two tonnes of haddeck, imported from Britain, had been fried. The previous record, of 1L900 portions, was set in 1992 at Harry Ramsden's in Glasgow, according to the Guinness Book of Records.

Harry Ramsden opened his first chip shop in 1929 in Guiseley, West Yorkshire. It became famous for hosting a fish-and-chip eating marathon in 1952.

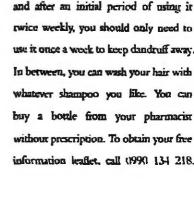
The Melbourne branch opened last year. There are branches in Hong Kong and Dublin and plans to open in Jeddah, Singapore and Spain. The publicly owned company had pre-tax profits of nearly El million last year.



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A STUNNING portrait of the door that could be opened. Princess of Wales went on public show for the first time artist Nelson Shanks, disyesterday, two years after its closed that the Princess was creation. Shaded by melan- an occasionally restive sitter choly, it involved more than 50 hours of sittings during her

unhappy summer of 1994. The near life-size painting, which shows a thoughtful ² Princess in a green Catherine Walker taffeta skirt and a billowing white chiffon blouse by Tomasz Starzewski, has been temporarily shipped to a Manhattan exhibition

from Kensington Palace. The subject is said to be pleased by the outcome. which shows her with head tilted, gazing sideways. Her sapphire engagement ring is unavoidable in the pack-ground, a faint line suggests a mantike manner. The little an exhibition at the Hirschl & unavoidable. In the back-

who had "the most unforgettable eyes I have ever seen". She talked to him of her personal troubles, as well as music. She "hated disco music and loved classical".

Sittings were held in a studio on Tite Street, Chelsea, during the same period that Mr Shanks was also painting Baroness Thatcher, who "posed like a statue for three hours at a time". When Mr Shanks's infant daughter Annalisa started to cry one morning, Lady Thatcher picked her up and recited Baa Baa Black Sheep in a states



The princess sat in 1994

girl was quelled instantly. The summer of 1994 also saw a new peak of press speculation about the Princess's personal life, including her relationship with James Hewitt. The portrait is part of

Adler gallery entitled Yanks Paint Brits. Other paintings include George III by Benjamin West and John Lennon by Andy Warhol. A landowner defended his reputation yesterday after he was forced to resign from the

Queen's Scottish bodyguard. the Royal Company of Archers, for letting Duns Castle to an American TV company to represent Balmoral in a film about the Hewitt affair. Alexander Hay said: "The film is not about the Queen -it is about Princess Diana, on a subject she has admitted is

Lord Palmer, a member of the biscuit dynasty, was also forced to resign for letting Manderston House, also in the Borders, represent Kensington Palace and

Heavyweight tenants sought for rooms in Hampton Court



Henry VIII: tenants may

HENRY VIII's majestic residence by the Thames at Hampton Court, the largest and grandest royal palace in Britain, could soon be taking in tenants.

The Historic Royal Palaces
Agency, which has adopted a far
more commercially aggressive approach since taking over the
running of the palace from the Department of the Environment five years ago, is considering turning up to 60 of Hampton Court's 1,500 rooms into private residential apartments and letting them on the open market.

hundreds of empty rooms into a discreet hotel have been quietly dropped as inappropriate. But two apartments, including the former quarters of the Mistress of the Puddings near the Tudor kitchens, have already been converted into short-let holiday flats and more may be made available. But there will be no freeholds; as it is a royal palace, no part of Hampton

Court can be sold. More space is becoming avail-able as grace-and-favour resi-dences, of which Hampton Court had 27, gradually become vacant. Only ten grace-and-favour residents, all elderly, remain there. Robin Evans, the agency's di-

came past and tried to stop

them punching me in the

18, escaped and ran to Miss

Burge's home for help. "She

told my dad what was happen-

ing. I heard him shouting at

them to get off but they

continued to punch and kick me. Then he collapsed. He

was a lovely man and we can't

believe he has gone."

Mr Burge had suffered

from a heart condition but

made a good recovery after

bypass surgery and was said by his family to be fit and

well". His Hungarian-born

wife, Terezia, was yesterday comforting Helen and her

Thames Valley Police are

not treating the death as

murder. A post-mortem ex-amination found that Mr

Burge died of a heart attack

Superintendent Cressida Dick said: "Mr Burge ap-

peared to have received no

assault injuries that would

have contributed to his death." But she added: "He died,

directly or indirectly, as a result of this incident. Clearly

that has to be treated as a

suspicious death. We will be

brought on by stress.

sister Sarah, 14.

Her friend, Joanna Taylor.

rector at Hampton Court, said:
"The worst thing you can do with
a historic building is to leave it
empty, when it will begin to deteriorate quickly. Almost all the historic parts likely to be of interest to visitors are now open to the public but we are still left with

hundreds of unused rooms. hundreds of unused rooms."

Any plan to turn part of Britain's biggest palace into housing would have to be approached with care. Mr Evans acknowledged; there would have to be a suitable mix of holiday flats and permanent accommodation and it was vital that any scheme did not affect the historic atmosphere of the palace as a whole. Potential

Ten years after the disastrous fire that destroyed the Wren apartments built for William III. Hampton Court hardly knows itself. The Wren wing has been meticulously and magnificently restored and its original contents and furnishings recovered from obscure corners of the royal estate for the first time in centuries. Queen Caroline's apartments have been opened; William III's huge Privy Garden has been reconstructed and the Tudor kitchens are on public view.

The last is the least surprising as David Beeton, chief executive

tenants would be screened for of the Historic Royal Palaces Agency — which also runs the Tower of London, Kensington Palace state apartments, the Whitehall Banqueting House and Kew Palace — is a direct descendant of the doyenne of Victorian cookery writers.

Mr Beeton's unashamedly comnercial approach is not universally admired or emulated in the heritage business, there are, for example, no period-costumed guides or historic tableaux on the Buckingham Palace tour. He

remains unrepentant "Since we took over from the civil servants, who at best were intelligent amateurs, we have

historic palaces from £15 million to £40 million, and reduced their cost to the taxpayer by two thirds. We have to make money from other activities, like catering, functions, events - and now perhaps

even property."
The 5,000 visitors to the King's Apartments yesterday could view videos of the Easter Monday fire of 1986 and an exhibition explain-ing how the £11 million restora-tion was completed. Tourists are encouraged to take a second look at the seemingly immaculate

Heart attack blamed for collapse

Man dies trying to save daughter from attackers

who was also a night porter at

St Peter's College, Oxford. "He

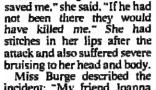
A MAN aged 60 who collapsed as he tried to rescue his teenage daughter from a roadside brawl died from a heart attack, police said yesterday.

Helen Burge, 17, paid trib-ute to her father John, who came to the aid of her and a friend when they were attacked outside a pub near their home in Oxford.

Mr Burge, who had a heart bypass operation six years ago, ran to the pub and appealed to the young men and women to stop kicking and punching his daughter. He then collapsed and his last words before lapsing into unconsciousness were for his daughter: "You shouldn't have been out so late."

Police called to the disturbance, just before midnight on Easter Day, tried to revive Mr Burge but he died soon after arriving at John Radcliffe Hospital, where he worked as a laboratory technician.

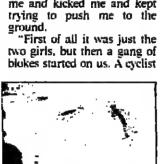
Miss Burge sobbed yesterday as she spoke of her father.



Miss Burge described the incident: "My friend Joanna and I were out for a walk. We had eaten too much chocolate and we were just going round the block. We were coming back and we heard a knock on the pub window, then two girls came out and said, 'What are you two looking at?, but we hadn't been looking at

"We tried to walk away but they pounced on us and dragged my friend to the ground, kicked her in the head and pulled her hair. They hit me and kicked me and kept

two girls, but then a gang of blokes started on us. A cyclist



sending a report to the Crown Prosecution Service." Police are trying to trace about 20 people who are thought to have witnessed the brawl. Nigel Rich, landlord of the Fox and Hounds in Abgindon Road, Oxford, said: There was a gang in here who left at about 11.45pm. They had done nothing wrong

and they all left quite happily. Detective Inspector David McCorkell said: "We are hoping to arrest someone shortly."



Lee Evans in action: "When I miss a chance of ticking a bird I have not seen before, it is soul-destroying"

Bird man drives 90,000 miles a year in search of rarities

By MICHAEL HORNSBY COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

WHILE others went on holiday over the Easter weekend. Lee Evans continued doing what he does almost every other day of the year: tireless-ly crossing the country in pursuit of unusual birds.

The 34-year-old former panel designer at Vauxhall Motors is recognised by common consent as Britain's most dedicated "twitcher", a man so obsessed with spotting avian rarities that even fellow addicts think him a bit over the top. "When other twitchers say you are bonkers, you know you really are," he says. "Birding has destroyed any hope of normal social or family life. My marriage went

down the pan. Most days Mr Evans is on

the road in his Vauxhall Cavalier soon after 7am. armed with a lunch box and expensive German-made binoculars and telescopes. From his home at Little Chalfont. Buckinghamshire, chosen for its proximity to the M25, he reckons to cover up to 90,000

miles a year. In 1987 he was clocked by a police helicopter doing 142mph near Aviemore in a race to keep a dawn rendezvous with a rare flock of capercaillie. Initially banned from driving for ten years. he persuaded the authorities to reduce the penalty to 18

months. He calls himself a "birder" rather than a twitcher, a term he reserves for weekend amateurs. The purpose of his existence is to add new birds to his "life list", the total number of different species he has seen in the British Isles. There are 228 different birds which breed in Britain or are regular winter or summer visitors," he says. "About 350 other species turn up from time to time. Some have been seen only a handful of times in the past 200 years.

Mr Evans runs the UK 400 Club. whose 980 members are the crème de la crème of the bird-spotting world. Within this elite is a select group of 455 who have "ticked" 400 or more different species. Mr Evans is tenth, with a score of 488, a remarkable tally given his relative youth. The leader. Ron Johns, who started

birding in the 1950s, has 503. "At this level it becomes harder and harder to find new birds." Mr Evans says. "I add to my list about once every 18 months. When I miss a chance of ticking a bird I have

not seen before, it is souldestroying. I go into a suicidal depression for several days." Failing to see a bird is known as a "dip". One week last month Mr Evans had a

Club pay £15 a year. His greatest wish is to see a common nighthawk. "The last three times it appeared I

disastrous run of them. He missed a Pacific golden plover in Weymouth, a ringnecked duck in Sussex, a Ross's guli in Plymouth, a Bonaparte's gull in Penzance, a pine bunting in Sheffield. an American widgeon in Lincoln and a black-throated thrush in Norfolk. He makes a living writing books on ornithology and publishing a bi-monthly magazine. Rare Birds. for which members of the UK 400

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Helen Burge and her father John, who had

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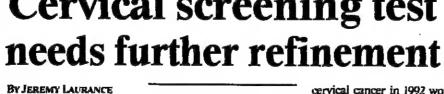
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THE NHS cervical screening programme is saving up to 4,000 women from cancer every year but fails to detect it in more than 2,000, according to a study.

An analysis of women screened in 1992 shows that the programme prevented 43 per cent of potential cases of cervical cancer. However, it was also found that one in five cases of early-stage pre-cancer was missed by the test. The report, published in the

British Journal of Cancer today, says that, despite adequate screening, some women will still develop cervical can-cer. Scientists believe that additions to the screening test will be necessary to prevent

these cancers. Researchers from the Imperial Cancer Research Fund compared the screening histories of 348 women with invasive cancer with 677 healthy women in 24 health authorities. Based on the results, they estimated that the

are to be questioned by researchers from Glasgow University looking at why some diseases seem to run in some families but not others. The parents of those being studied, who are from the Paisley and Renfrew area. were screened 20 years ago, so comparisons can be drawn. The NHS and the Wellcome Trust are funding the work.

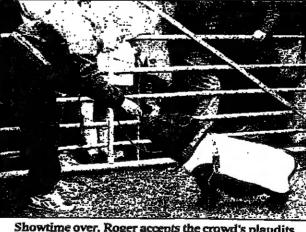
scheme prevented between 1,100 and 3,900 cases of invasive cervical cancer in this country in 1992.

Dr Peter Sasieni, research scientist at the organisation's maths, statistics and epidemiology department, said the number of cancers prevented would have increased since 1992. The basic screening programme is working well and mortality is falling more rapidly than ever before. We estimate that if it hadn't been for screening, the amount of

have been 75 per cent higher." There are more than 3,500 new cases of cervical cancer each year in women under the age of 70 and the findings suggest that, with extended coverage and tighter followup, the current screening programme could prevent a

further 1,250 of these. However, Dr Sasieni said there was a limit to the sensitivity of the test. "With the present approach we cannot say to women that they will not get cervical cancer if they attend for screening regularly. As much as 20 per cent of highgrade lesions may be missed

by the test. It is not perfect." To improve detection rates. Dr Sasieni said that cells collected during screening could be tested for human papilloma virus, the organism that causes genital warts which is also linked with cervical cancer. A test for the virus is being developed but it needs refinement to avoid too many women being recalled for further investigation.



Showtime over, Roger accepts the crowd's plaudits

Pigs provide music at Abigail's party

show for domestic pigs was won by Abigail, a three-yearold sow owned by Sheila Franklin. who keeps 16 pet pigs at her cattery in Capenhurst, Cheshire. Thirty beasts competed for the honour at Liverpool University's Leahurst Veterinary School in Neston.

Among the attractions at the show were Charlie and Roger, a pair of Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs from Shildon, Co Durham, who won the novelty section after blowing bugies, racing through tunnels and sitting on command.

Their owner, Powles, 42, said: This is the biggest audience they have had and I had no idea if they would freeze, but they've been amazing. They are clean and intelligent and more responsive than a dog to train."

throne canopy, where they can see splatters of molten lead that dripped there from roofing. PR chief resigns after row

at Law

Society

ANOTHER senior official is to than a year into the leadership of Martin Mears, the president elected on a reformist

The resignation of Sue Stapley, head of the society's public relations since 1989, was announced last Tuesday. just weeks after that of her immediate boss, Andrew Lockley who had been with the society for 14 years. Her departure came after a wellpublicised disagreement with Mr Mears. The society's staff of 700 say that they find it difficult under the new regime ushered in by Mr Mears and his deputy, Robert Sayer, last

Ms Stapley will be the third senior staff member to leave this year: John Hayes, the society's chief executive, leaves next month after serving the society for ten years. Mr Mears has not concealed his view that he would rather Ms

Stapley were to leave. Henry Hodge, a Law Society council member who opposed Mr. Mears's election. posed Mr Means's election, said: Their relationship has been extremely fraught. She gave Mrilylears a lot of help in the early stages and the relationship hoperatily broke down: She has been a very able PD for the continuous and will able PR for the society and will be greatly missed by a lot of

Ms Stapley, 49, who is the communications consultancy Fishburn Hedges on June 17, was publicly criticised by Mr Mears at a recent meeting of the Law. Society council. He questioned her motives for circulating a Sunday newspaper expose of his private life with the other press cuttings she sent out about the Law Society as part of her job.

The dispute was further fanned when Mr Lockley gave the press a copy of Ms. Stapley's response to Mr Mears's allegations. The issue blew up into a full-scale council debate in the private half of proceedings that day and Mr Mears himself came under fire for his criticisms of Ms

In her post as head of public relations she was responsible for various initiatives, including the society's Make a Will Week, National Law Week and the Save Legal Aid campaigns. John Hayes, the outgoing chief executive, said: Sue Stapley's energy and widsom have been of immense benefit to the society and the profession. Her infectious enthusiasm has changed the Law Society for the good. All of us here wish her the very

best for the future."

Ms Stapley said that she had enjoyed her time at the Law Society Immensely" but that it was now time to move on. She hoped to add to the strengths of Fishburn Hedges in campaigning, public affairs and public relations for a variety of clients, from big companies to law and accountancy firms and voluntarysector bodies.

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Funerals go with a swing as deceased do it their way

RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

POP songs and theme tunes are increasingly supplementing hymns the deceased. The trend is well established in churches as well as crematoriums, where one of the top ten tunes is Smoke Gets in Your Eyes. Other family favourites range from

Love You to the theme from the Australian soap opera Home and Many clergy feel mourners are

Whitney Houston's I Will Always

local newspaper showed that almost a third of funeral services now include a pop tune, up from only 2

per cent ten years ago. Most of the pop songs are included in services for people who die under the age of 50, but the trend is growing at the funerals of older people. A recording of Louis Armstrong's Wonderful World was played at the cremation of an 84-year-old woman.

Church organ music is not immune. Ron Bayfield, church organist in Worthing, Sussex, and former

editor of the Organ Club Journal, said: "I recently played at a funeral of a lady who had been a cinema pianist in the silent movie days. I played her out with the Charleston. Her rela-tives said afterwards how much they appreciated it. Another lady requested a waltz, the Tales of the Vienna Woods, for her mother. At one funeral, a girl who had been in

Terry Jacks's Seasons in the Sun. Britain's most regular funeral requests include Frank Sinatra's My Way. Barbara Streisand's Memories. John Lennon's Imagine, Bette

showbusiness had a recording of

Midler's Wind Beneath my Wings, and football team anthems, along with more classical sounds such as Mario Lanza's I'll Walk With God, the largo from Dvorak's New World Symphony — the theme from the Hovis bread commercial — Bach's Air on a G-String and Elgar's

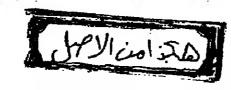
Paul Stubbs of the Federation of British Crematorium Authorities said: "We have no policy or guidelines on music. It is all down to the individual moral code of the mourners and whether the granting of a request is likely to cause offence.

Canon John Wikeley, team rector of West Derby, Liverpool, said: Some of the songs requested are lovely. If music is played that has special meaning for the family, that

can only be a good thing."

Maureen Barr, who runs Perry Barr Crematorium in Birmingham. said: "The service is the last shot we 💣 have of saying goodbye to our loved ones and we all have our own individual ways of doing that. I would have to seek advice if the lyrics were particularly explicit."

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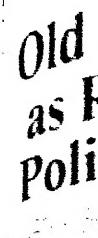
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Dushyant Patel has been on the Côte d'Azur for seven years; Dorothy Chamaide for 60. The generations rarely meet socially, but when they do friction is almost inevitable. Photographs: Martin Beddall

Arriviste expats threaten to knock old guard for six

plished all-rounder with the Cabrice Cricket Club. is one of the many British expatrions on the Cole d'Azur without a bad word to say about his fellow exiles - until

pushed ever so slightly. Practising a few polished pre-season strokes in his back garden beneath the looming mass of the Col de Vence. Mr Patel knocks the old guard beyond the boundary and into the dustbin of history: They came here to see out the twilight of their years, we younger people came to work and make new lives for ourselves."

Mr Patel, a property developer who left Virginia Water in stockbroker-helt Surrey for the South of France seven years ago. knows he has been cast in the role of "awful newcomer" by the old guard. He does not give a fig. The factions rarely meet socially, but

■ In the last of a series of reports from the South of France, Bill Frost discovers a growing rift between the Britons who went there to retire and the newcomers who are trying to earn a living

when they do friction is almost

"There has even been trouble at the cricket club between the two camps," he says, "The row started last season over my suggestion that we should register the club properly, as French law requires

a modest proposal, I thought." However, the idea drove some of the older members quite mad with rage, he says, "They refused to pay their subscriptions and some resigned altogether - quite unheard of and a serious distraction from the main business of playing cricket. The problem is they are little Englanders who came here thinking they could do exactly what they liked and pay no attention to the law or customs of their new country. But at least the row has had the effect of getting rid of the troublemakers." he adds with a wolfish grin.

Strolling back across his patio as darkness falls on the manicured lawn. Mr Patel, 41, observes that the "elderly" Britons on the Cole d'Azur seem to get "awfully charged up" about matters of little importance. He shakes his head more in sadness than in anger when he mentions the latest and

divide old and new British money from St Maxime to Menton: the Sunny Bank Anglo-American Hospital in Cannes. The hospital, which is funded by charitable donations, has been ministering to distressed expat gentlefolk in the South of France for a century. However. Mr Patel and others of like mind and similar age suggest that the place is no longer viable as a hospital and should instead be run as a retirement home.

They cast me in the role of villain because I say we should stop carrying out operations there and save what we can. The Cannes site must be worth five million francs [about £645,000]. I see nothing wrong with the idea whatsoever. Yet passions have been roused between the generations to an astonishing level." Down on the coast at Cannes, in

Croisette, the very mention of Mr Patel's name causes Dorothy Chamaide. MBE. to grip her glittering cutlery a little more tightly. One gets the impression that the lavish lunch has been spoilt and the champagne flute has been filled with vinegar. To

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lost Briton

was on roof

of hospital

A British tourist reported

missing from a hospital in

Hong Kong never left the

premises and was found on

Stuart Joy, 40, of Swansea

disappeared two days after

being admitted to the Queen

Elizabeth Hospital with an

apparent anxiety attack, a

spokeswoman said yesterday.

His wallet and passport re-mained beside his hospital

bed and he was reported as

missing to police.

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tion 34 for more than two

bours and people were ad-

vised to stay indoors after a

the roof three days later.

Mediterranean Sez

palatial apartment behind La

turn Sunny Bank into some sort of

odious suggestion that I have ever heard," says Mrs Chamaide, who has been on the Riviera for 60 years. "No, I won't tell you my age a gentleman would not have

Putting down her knife and fork and leaving her lunch unfinished she says sadly: "I admit there is less money about and people are less generous. But the hospital must stay. It is a great comfort to those in the community who need free treatment because their savings have dwindled. It is also a great comfort to be surrounded by doctors and nurses who speak English if you are English yourself. elderly and

Mrs Chamaide, whose walls are decorated with original Picasso sketches and prints - "person-al gifts, we knew each other well, such an exciting man" — is a formidable opponent. "I saw off the Vichy French, Mussolini's army and then the Nazis when they took over down here," she says, with the light of battle shining in her eyes.

"These young ones, these new-comers, do anything but criticise the older generation and all we stand for. They haven't got the slightest desire to help, even though they could. They just make insensitive suggestions which cause a lot of anger and anxiety. In fact, they simply couldn't care less.

"Sunny Bank is one fight we intend to win, though. As for those who want to close the hospital or turn it into some sort of expensive rest home, let them hop on a plane and go somewhere far away. They certainly don't belong on the Cole

Viscount team bids farewell to pioneer of postwar skies

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the last three Vickers Viscount airliners in regular passenger service is being prepared for a final nostalgic trip from Heathrow, where the first of its type began commercial service more than 40 years ago.

The Viscount is regarded by many as the greatest British commercial airliner, blazing a trail with its four Rolls-Royce Dart turbo-prop engines and opening European air routes to millions of tourists and business travellers.

Next week many of those responsible for designing, developing and using the Vis-



Bryce: commanded first

By JEREMY LAURANCE

A CONSULTANT pathologist

who was suspended after doubts were raised about his

diagnoses of suspected can-

cers has been quietly reinstat-

ed by his hospital after an

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count will take a 45-minute flight before the aircraft's seats are removed to turn it into a freighter. The end of a chapter in aviation history will be marked by Sir George Edwards, who led the Vickers design team immediately after the war, Sir Peter Masefield, chief executive of British European Airways who placed the orders and so launched the Viscount into commercial service in 1953, Jock Bryce, captain of the first prototype flight on July 16, 1948, and Captain Stan Jones, who commanded the aircraft in the London to New Zealand Air Race in 1953. Within weeks the two remaining Viscounts, now owned by British World Airlines, will

also become cargo carriers. The Viscount was designed by the same team who designed and built the twinengine Wellington bomber. The big difference, however, was in the engines. The Viscount used gas-turbine power for the first time in passenger service and established just how reliable the power plant could be at a time when pure jets were running into

him. Colleagues of Dr Irvin

Lampert, a consultant at Ea-

ling Hospital NHS Trust who

was suspended in December

1993, have complained to the

Royal College of Pathologists

that damaging allegations

about Dr Lampert that ap-peared in the press have never

been withdrawn. The Times

Dr Lampert remained on

carried a report of his suspen-

full pay for more than a year

while the hospital set up an

inquiry, which met in January

1995 and immediately cleared

him. He returned to work in

February, and in September

the trust wrote to him

apologising for the delay in

holding the inquiry and con-

sion on February 23, 1994.

difficulty.
The Viscount was regarded as a breakthrough in commercial aircraft design, being fast, with big oval windows, a comfortable ride and fully prototype flight in 1948





The fully pressurised Vickers Viscount offered new levels of comfort to millions of holidaymakers

pressurised. But although it was far superior to its competitors it did not enter scheduled airline service until April 18, 1953, with a flight from Heathrow to Cyprus. Flying time from London to Paris was only 70 minutes. The aircraft was sold to 60 airlines around the world and at one time BEA had more than 80.

Twenty-four Viscounts continued to fly for BEA and later British Airways until the early 1980s before being bought by British Air Ferries, operating from Southend mainly to the Channel Islands. In 1981 BAF won a contract to carry oil industry workers from Aberdeen to Sumburgh in the Shetland Islands, from where they joined helicopters for flights to platforms in the northern North Sea. So far

Pathologist is cleared by inquiry

independent inquiry cleared firming that he had been

totally exonerated.

The finding was circulated

to the President of the Royal College of Pathologists and

other leading members of the

profession but was not com-

Julian Nettel, chief executive

of the trust said: "There was

some pressure from col-

leagues outside the trust that

we should write to The Times.

We felt that would not be

appropriate as it would draw

attention to his suspension

again. We feel we have ful-

filled our obligations to the

letter and Irvin Lampert has

expressed satisfaction with

"I agree it was a long time to

organise the inquiry, and we

those arrangements.

municated to the press.

over 1.5 million passengers have been flown on the route and the company, now known had its contract renewed for count, however, is considered a bit too venerable to continue has instead bought two new 70-seat ATR-72s. Each of the French-built turbo-props cost with the £500,000 the Viscount

cost in 1957. counts will join five others expected to serve well into the next century. There are believed to be another 11 Vis-

have acknowledged that and

apologised. We have worked

very hard to get things back on

the Royal College of Patholo-

gists, said: "Ealing NHS Trust

made an enormously convo-

luted job of this inquiry but when the report was finalised

it completely exonerated Dr Lampert and confirmed that

he is an internationally re-

nowned expert in certain rare

"All talk of incompetence

"Unfortunately, the fact

that he was exonerated did

not get covered. Ealing may

have been so embarrassed it

did not want to draw attention

Keith Lockyer, secretary of

an even keel."

diseases.

was totally untrue.

cloud of nitric acid gas es-caped from an industrial plant in the Blackburn Meadows area of Sheffield. Rail services were also halted as British World Airlines, has before the cloud dispersed. Divine discovery another five years. The Vis-A lake discovered 500ft under the Princess of Wales Hospifor that long and the airline tal in Bridgend, Mid Gla-morgan, could save the health authority El million in water charges. The underabout £10 million, compared ground supply, located by a water diviner, should be

enough to meet the hospital's The three converted Viswater needs for 30 years. now moving freight, mainly at night, between Belfast, Edin-burgh and Coventry. They are Care costs change Pensioners can now keep £10,000 in savings or assets before they have to contribute to the cost of residential care. counts flying in Zaire. Colombia and Indonesia. Those with savings of be-tween £10,000 and £16,000 pay a contribution. Hitherto.

to meet the entire cost. Blind targets

most people with savings or

assets of over £8,000 have had

Two elderly blind people were robbed as they walked to a friend's home for Easter Sunday lunch. John Butcher, 82, was carrying a white stick and leaning on the arm of his friend Gladys Wainwright when the two young robbers struck in York Miss Wainwright, 76. lost £100.

Shining example

A policeman who wrote a guide to polishing shoes has been invited to sit on the consulting board of Kiwi. the polish maker. PC James McGowan. 35, of West Yorkshire Police, learnt to bull boots in the Irish Guards. .His 32-page guide is to be sold in shoe shops.

Package flight for five survivors

Race to save the snake bitten by tourist boom

By Stephen Thorpe AND NICK NUTTALL

A FAST-MOVING snake that could not move fast enough to escape imminent extinction has been airlifted from the West Indies to Britain for rescue. A breeding programme for the harmless Antiguan racer could end a run of misfortune partly caused by

tourists who made the same flight in the opposite direction. Boats of island-hopping trippers have inadvertently increased the rat population on the snake's native islands. Rats bite the snake's tail. which houses its reproductive organs. A small group of survivors has been clinging to life at Great Bird Island, which has up to 20,000

picknicking visitors a year,

mostly British. Many reptiles

there have been killed in the

mistaken belief that they were enomous. Destruction caused by Hurricane Luis in the Leeward Islands last September worsened the snake's habitat. Alsophis antiguae has been placed in the highest category of threat under the World Conservation Union's listing: critical endangered. Now two

males and three females -



The Antiguan racer: fell foul of island picnickers

shipped in thermal packaging in the climate-controlled hold of a British Airways jumbo jet - are at Jersey Zoo, where it is hoped they will breed for reintroduction on suitable

The rescue scheme has been planned and carried out by Dr Jennifer Daltry and Mark Day of Fauna and Flora International (FFI) with funding from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

They were invited to conduct an on-site assessment at Great Bird Island in October.

More than half of the estimated population of 50 had been injured by rats. It was this study which placed the species at the top of the endangered list. Too few of the metre-long snakes remained to simply to translocate to adjacent islands and captive breeding became the only viable option.

Jersey Zoo, founded by the late Gerald Durrell, specialises in breeding rare species. Quentin Bloxan, the senior reptile curator. described the task as "crisis conservation and a major new initiative". The snakes, he said, had settled in well.

Feeding is always a problem but the technique of "odour manipulation" — in this case. rubbing dead mice with the scent of the snake's natural prey. lizard — is working and hopes are high for summer breeding.

Mark Day returns to Antigua next month to further a research, education and ecological restoration programme. As part of this, boat operators are being warned about the dangers of rat reinfestation. Juvenile Racers will be released as soon as possible and other islands colonised as part of a wider marine park programme.

Once common butterfly becomes Britain's rarest

ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

A ONCE common butterfly has been officially designated as Britain's rarest. The high brown fritillary, which has orange wings with black spots, has suffered a 95 per cent decline since the 1950s. Dr Martin Warren, of But-

terfly Conservation, the wildlife group that carried out the first detailed survey, said yesterday that the species was "once so common that Victorian naturalists hardly noted it - it was almost solid in Kent, Lake District and the Humber." Surrey, Sussex and up to the

The new survey shows that the butterfly is now clinging on in 51 colonies, centred on Exmoor and Dartmoor, the Malvern Hills and the Herefordshire commons with some in the limestone hills around Morecambe Bay. Lancashire.



high brown fritillary

The survey, carried out on behalf of English Nature, the Government's wildlife adviser, will strengthen calls for more widespread grants to restore the ancient art of

coppicing to woodlands.

Dr Warren said the species. Argynnis adippe, needed high temperature in the larval stage, during which it feeds on common dog violets or hairy which is grazed by cattle, offers an ideal habitat. Across most of its former range, the high brown would bask in the sunny glades created by

coppicing.

Dr Warren said widespread coppicing would not only ben-efit the high brown, but a wide range of species including other rare butterflies, the dormouse and insects. "Of the top five threatened butterflies, most are basically woodland species. All have suffered from a change in woodland management," he said.

Dr Warren said there was increasing recognition that coppicing made both economic and environmental sense if given a cash start. Coppiced wood can be used for thatching stays and is superior to plastic substitutes, fencing and charcoal. B&Q are supporting a scheme to use British-grown charcoal for garden barbeques.

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Road rage in bitter borderland

Old fears reborn as Russia seeks Polish 'corridor'

WOLVES prowl the August-ow forestland in the Suwalki region. Some come over the border from Lithuania or Belorussia; when they are foraging they can cover more than 60 miles a night. In the west, Polish wolves are straying into Germany and, unable to find food, have been ransacking

the dustbins. These are the bitterty cold borderlands, the area where East and West may soon erect their new barricades. Cezary Cieslukowski, the Suwalki Governor, was happy enough to discuss in vague terms the building of a new road with his colleagues in Belorussia, but now the project has taken on a sharp new edge.

The Russians say they want to construct an "extra-territorial highway through Poland into the Russian enclave of Kalimingrad. The idea is that the Russians could, without Polish customs controls, ferry soldiers, ammunition and supplies into the already heavily militarised coastal

The Poles are upset. The last time a foreign leader demanded a corridor was in 1938, when Hitler wanted a passage from Germany to East Prussia. To agree to Russian demands would make Nato entry even more complex: the Russians would be even more determined in their opposition: the Americans would be even more concerned about extending nuclear protection

Russia is expected to increase pressure on Poland to withdraw its application for Nato membership during a meeting between President Yeltsin and President Kwasniewski, in his biggest foreign policy test since his election last December.

"We do not want to draw a new European frontier along the Bug river," Mr Kwasniewski said before the delicate talks that begin in Moscow today. "We have friends in the



Five years after the destruction of the Berlin Wall Roger Boyes, in Suwalki, looks at renewed competition between East and West

West, in the United States. We would like relations with our closest neighbours, above all

Russia, to be just as friendly." Russia is expecting a less prickly attitude from the former Communist Polish leader than that of Lech Walesa, the former President. However, precisely because of his past. Mr Kwazniewski will have to reassure his people by adopt-ing a strong line in favour of Nato membership and against the "Suwalki corridor".

The only Polish beneficiary of such a corridor would be the dirt-poor Suwalki region which would gain a new road, along with motels, roadside cafes and petrol stations, but even here, in the remote northeast, there are critics. Local environmentalists say that forests would have to be churned up and the wolves would be driven out.

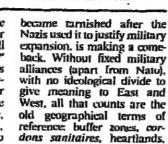
The row over the Suwalki corridor illustrates how this limbo period, while Central Europe waits for entry into Western institutions, is being used to redraw the Eastern part of the continent. The West is exerting a magnetic pull on the Poles, the Czechs, the Hungarians and the Slovenes. Russia is cementing its relations with the "near abroad". For the first time Mr Yeltsin appears to be taking seriously requests by Belorussia for a formal union. On a recent trip to Minsk, he swore a kind of blood brotherhood with the pro-Moscow President Lukashenko. There is also a Russian play being made for Bulgaria, Romania and Slova-

have rarely been so active in these countries. Geo-politics, a concept that

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istorical terrain. The Polish Government is naturally not encouraging the project. The corridor is an explosive issue. The lines in Europe are quietly changing to the disadvantage of Russia. Finland, with a long Russian border, has joined the European Union and Austrian membership has shifted WesternEurope* farther east. Both countries may soon find themselves part of a European

spheres of influence and the

"defence identity". American diplomats in Central Europe look a bit shifty when these issues are raised. Official policy is that all of Europe can in time be inside Nato. Russia, however, is being more hard-nosed. It has its historically rooted anxieties

- encirclement, Islam and Germany - and it is forging policy accordingly. Counterintelligence experts say that the priority task of Russian agents in Western and Central Europe is to undermine or slow down Nato enlargement. That is what the Suwalki

corridor dispute is about. So far, it has not sucked in outside powers. However, there is trouble brewing in the borderlands. Listen carefully in the Augustow forest and you will hear the wolves how! at night - the sound carries for miles, across the frontiers.



Kwasniewski: delicate meeting with Yeltsin



The statue of the emperor Marcus Aurelius in Rome's Piazza Del Campidoglio. The second-century work has been undergoing repairs in a museum for 15 years

Eternal city runs out of time in build-up to 2000 jubilee

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

the area around St Peter's

Square, with pedestrian pre-

cincts and moving pavements.

Few of the schemes have

THE Vatican yesterday said that grandiose plans for celebrating the millennium in Rome in under four years were in "total disarray" because of delays and lack of

funding. Archbishop Sergio Sebastiani, secretary of the Vatican committee for the Jubilee. said the Italian Government had promised more than £1 million for millennium projects last September, but the funds had still not been

He said that even when the decree was passed it would take another six months for the funds to be released, too late for many of the schemes to be completed.

They include restoration of the Colosseum; a new underground line linking the Coloseum and the Vatican, the two most visited sites in Rome; improvements to the motorway from Fiumicino airport

to Rome and the ring road had been "legislative delays", around the city; a huge underground car park beneath the Janiculum Hill next to the not at risk." he said. Vatican; and development of One millennium project

begun, apart from motorway The year 2000 has been designated a Holy Year or jubilee by the Pope. Francesco Rutelli, the energetic Mayor of Rome, has visionary plans for both secular and religious celebrations, which are ex-

pecied to attract up to 40 million pilgrims and tourists. Signor Rutelli joined the Vatican in blaming Lamberto Dini, the Prime Minister. for the delays. "We are on a razor's edge, there is no more time," he said. "We are going

to miss our appointment with the year 2000." Signor Dini admitted there but maintained there was still time in hand. "The jubilee is

dear to Roman hearts is the restoration of the equestrian statue of the emperor Marcus Aurelius, which for centuries stood on the square designed by Michelangelo on the Capitol Hill. The great secondcentury bronze statue has been under repair for 15 years, and is on display in the Capitoline Museum.

There were hopes that the statue would be back on its pedestal in front of the Senators' Palace, which houses the Mayor's offices, in time for the jubilee. But the restorers argue that, despite reduced pollution levels, the re-gilded original should be kept in the museum and a copy put in its place on the square. Even the copy, however, is reportedly behind schedule.

Russian military's loyalty to Yeltsin crumbles

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

A GROWING number of senior Russian military officers are supporting a return to power by the Communist Party and could not be counted on to support President Yeltsin in the event of a national crisis.

According to a "confidential Ministry of Defence study conducted earlier this year. Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist leader, is the most popular political figure among senior officers, while President Yeltsin, who is also Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, ranks sixth.

The report, published in a lengthy article in Moskovskiye Novosti newspaper, may help to explain the growing unease in the Kremlin over the behaviour of the military, and in particular the refusal of the armed forces to respect a unilateral ceasefire declared hy President Yeltsin in

Chechenia. Since the ceasefire order a week ago. Russian forces have continued their fierce spring offensive in the breakaway republic with daily artillery and air bombard-ments of Chechen villages.

Dzhokhar Dudayev, the Chechen rebel leader and a former Soviet Air Force general, yesterday blamed a "third force" of hardline nationalists and Communists in the military of openly disobeying Mr Yeltsin and prolonging the conflict to discredit him.

"In case of mass disorder or an attempt by the opposition to seize power in the regions or in Moscow, part of the army may take the side of the opposition," wrote Aleksandr Zhilin, the defence editor of

Moskovskive Novosti.
But if Mr Yeltsin is unpopular with the military, his wife, Naina, is doing her best to brighten his image. She told Russia's NTV independent television that her husband was a stickler for tidiness. "He notices everything when he comes home despite his tiredness." said Naina, 63. something is out of place, he says 'disorder again'.'



NEWS IN BRIEF Sri Lanka security powers

Colombo: President Bandaranaike Kumaratunga yesterday extended emergency rule across Sri Lanka, triggering angry reactions from the opposition which condemned the move as a bid to postpone crucial local elections.

widened

Mr Kumaratunga stunned some of her own Cabinet ministers by imposing the tough emergency regulations with retrospective effect from Thursday, curtailing civil liberties and giving wide powers to security forces to detain

suspects.
The state of emergency now extends across the entire country. Earlier it was restricted to the embattled northeast regions and a few towns, including the capital Colombo. which are vulnerable to attacks by the separatist Tamil Tigers. (AFP)

Burma pledge

Rangoon: The head of Burma's military Government and armed forces. General Than Shwe, said the military did not crave power and should not attempt to control the state permanently. (AFP)

Kashmir call

Jammu: Thousands of Kashmir Hindus who fled a Muslim uprising in 1990 are demanding their own home-land in the Kashmir Valley. They want to call it Panur (Our Own) Kashmir.

Colombian toll

Bogotá: Twelve people died in bombings, ambushes and armed clashes that coincided with a nationwide two-day strike called by Colombia's three rebel movements, the army said. (AFP)

Algerian ban

Algeria's two armed Islamic groups have been barred from President Zeroual's top-level consultations with political parties over the next formight, as he seeks a solution to continuing violence.

Terror defence

Washington: The Oklahoma City bomb suspect, Timothy McVeigh, is due in a Denver court to request classified ingroups and nationalists in Northern Ireland and Britain.

Pray television

Peking: Hoping to draw more tourists to its 1,000-year-old Buddhist temple in Fujian province, Yongguan monastery has paid 200,000 yuan (£16,000) to advertise on a local television network. (AP)

Dijon jail riot blamed on guard shortage

POLAND

A FIERCE debate on prison conditions was under way in France yesterday after in-mates rioted at a jail in Dijon. causing hundreds of thousands of pounds of damage.

Unions said overcrowding and a shortage of staff were reponsible for the violence, which lasted for six hours on Sunday night. The 300 inmates overpow-

ered guards, climbed on the prison roof and set fire to their cells before they were brought under control by gendarmes armed with rifles and teargas. Huge clouds of smoke billowed from the east wing of the prison as police stormed the upper floors, working their way downwards to flush out rioters who took refuge on the ground floor. Five inmates, a

guard and a gendarme were injured in the incident. Yesterday unions de-

nounced conditions at the 19th-century jail, which was built for 169 prisoners. "This mutiny is not surprising." said Frédéric Grandcolas, leader of the Autonomous Federal Peni-tentiary Union. There were only 11 guards working when the violence erupted. In total, there are only 80 guards to look after 340 prisoners."

Other unions said the Government had delayed vital renovation work at the prison to save money. However, the authorities in Dijon insisted that the conditions at the jail were "good".

Yesterday the jail was closed and inmates were transferred to other regional prisons.

Yugoslavia restores

By Eve-Ann Prentice, diplomatic correspondent

peace in the Balkans improved yesterday when Yugoslavia and its former republic of Macedonia signed a treaty to normalise relations. The move is expected to lead to a restoration of full diplomatic ties between European Union countries and Yugoslavia. which was ostracised for its role in the Bosnian war.

of Serbia and Montenegro

The agreement was signed by Milan Milutinovic, the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, and his Macedonian counter-

part, Ljubomir Frekovski Britain welcomed the accord as "a step forward". Ostracism of Yugoslavia began to relax after President Milosevic of Serbia co-signed the Dayton

treaty last year.

Yesterday's accord refers to Macedonia as the Republic of Macedonia — a key conces-sion for the Macedonians and the former Yugoslav republic.

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THE world of French stamp collecting has been thrown into turmoil by discovery of an elaborate fraud that may have cost hundreds of people their savings.

In a country wearily used to the spread of corruption, philately was seen as a haven of integrity, often used as a safe, tax-free investment. But since two leading philatelists, Gérard Lhéritier and Sako Khatchikian, were charged with defrauding their many customers, the mood has changed sharply.

. The two men have been accused of persuading their victims to hand over an estimated several hundred million francs for largely worthless stamps. Using false catalogues. M Khatchikian, 64, and M Lheritier, 47, allegedly convinced often elderly investors that they were buying rare works whose value could only

M Lhéritier's lawyer, Jean-Marc Szepetowski, vigorously denied the alle-

ties with Macedonia

THE prospects of long-term

By the treaty the remnant of Yugoslavia — consisting only has abandoned all territorial claims on Macedonia, its southern neighbour, the only republic to secede peacefully from the Yugoslav federation.

one which will infuriate the Greeks. Greece says Macedonia has claims to Greece's northern province of the same name. Under American pressure, Greece last year dropped a trade embargo against its northern neighbor while Macedonia abandoned state symbols the Greeks insisted were theirs. But the two sides have failed to agree on a name for

Police lick rare French stamp fraud

gations. "My client has nothing to reproach himself for. He has committed no crime."

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

The lawyer said the alleged fraud was believed to have been mounted by salesmen working for Valeur Patrimoine et Valeur Philatélique (Inheritance Value, Philately Value) but acting on their own initiative and without M Lhéritier's knowledge. M Khatchikian also denies

Up to 600 people invested in M Lhériner's company. Valeur Patrimoine et Valeur Philatelique. According to Jean-Pierre Murciano, the investigating judge, the investors were deceived by a complex

For instance, workers at the Dordogne company which was given a contract to print limited edition stamps for Monaco appear to have run off extra copies that were bought by M Khatchikian for as little as Fr5 (80p). He then passed them to

M Lhéritier, who sold them for up to Fri,000 each. The scandal could escalate further.

Influential businessmen and politicians. particularly on the corruption-ridden French Riviera, are rumoured to have been involved as well, according to the national press. Alfred Artini, a pensioner from

Cagnes-sur-Mer, southern France, was a sic victim. Approached by one of M Lhéritier's employees, he claims he was offered 50 "limited edition" stamps from Monaco as well as two allegedly rare French stamps "saved from destruction". After being assured of an annual increase in value of at least 20 per cent, M Artini handed over Fr300,000.

He became suspicious when the salesman later refused to return his calls. Taking his collection to an independent expert in Nice, M Artini was informed that it was worth at most Fr25,000.

Shame of UN debt brings flood of American cheques

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE failure of the world's one remaining superpower to pay its billion-dollar debt to the United Nations has sparked a citizens' revolt across America.

Hundreds of cheques are arriving at UN headquarters in New York from Americans who want to pay their share of Washington's unpaid UN

The "Pay Our UN Debt" campaign was dreamed up by John Whitehead, a former Under-Secretary of State in the Reagan Administration and now head of the United Nations Association of the United States.

"I was so discouraged that the US Congress would not pay our dues to the United Nations, and so embarrassed by the fact that this treaty obligation was not being paid," he said. "I hated to see my country welch on a treaty commitment, that I wondered what I could do about it to make me feel better."

Dividing Washington's UN debt by the total number of US citizens, Mr Whitehead calculated that the United States

owed \$4.40 (£2.85) per capita. about the price of a sandwich. and promptly sent off his contribution to UN head-

His gesture attracted enough publicity to set the ball rolling. Only two cheques arrived at the UN in September, three in October and five in November. But in December the monthly total leapt to 55; in January to 93; in February to 200; and in March to 308.

So far, the UN has received 666 cheques with contributions from 1,421 people, a total

Despite the prevailing isolationism in American politics, many of the letters thank the UN for helping to keep peace since the Second World War. Some, however, are more terse. One read simply: "One person, three dogs, \$17.60 UN

Cheques have arrived from 41 states. In the Connecticut town of New Canaan, more than 200 residents have

mailed their contributions. "This is a token, to be sure,

Russian seized in US with 'body part' sacks

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

A SUSPECTED Russian mafia member was found emptying a sack of human remains into a river outside New York by two policemen on patrol.

Eight more bags containing body parts were found in the boot of a nearby car. In the bag he was holding the man had two human scalps and other items.

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FBI agents ordered a temporary news blackout, suspecting that the incident may be linked to the notorious Russian gang that operates in and around New York. The suspect was throwing severed pieces of two human bodies into the Passaic river in East Rutherford, New Jersey, on Easter Day and police frogmen set about retrieving what they could from the water.

Another theory doing the rounds among local people was that the man was part of a former menage à trois, but police would not comment on this rumour.

Police said the man, who speaks Russian and very little English, had been arrested.

The Russian underworld in New York is believed to have control over much of the city's oil distribution business, as well as more customary criminal enterprises such as protection and vice. A recent wave of disappearances and violence has been connected to the coming trial of Vyacheslav Ivankov, the alleged "Godfather" of the Russian matia. who will go on trial this month on \$3.5 million (£2.3 million) extortion charges.

but we are dismayed by the refusal of this great nation to meet its treaty obligations." said Hudson Stoddard, who co-ordinates the New Canaan campaign. Washington's failure to pay its UN dues infuriates nations such as Britain, which pays on time and is still owed some \$150 million by the UN for

providing peacekeepers for Madeleine Albright, Washington's UN ambassador. has proposed a "grand bargain" with the Republican-controlled Congress that would exchange UN reform for an American promise to pay off

its debts over the next five

For legal reasons, however, the UN cannot use individual Americans' contributions to pay off the US debt unless Washington agrees. The US mission to the United Nations says it is reviewing the

In desperation, Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, went over the heads of the US Administration yesterday to appeal to the American public directly for the their country to pay its UN

"The United Nations are on the brink of financial disaster," Dr Boutros Ghali wrote in The New York Times. "Americans need to know what's going on, because their country took the lead in creating the organisation, and its delinquency in paying arrears is threatening it."



Boutros Ghali: appeal to the US public



A 70-year-old Hugh Hefner relaxes with a copy of his first Playboy magazine featuring Marilyn Monroe

Children are Hefner playmates at 70

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN LOS ANGELES

WEARING black satin pyjamas and a red smoking jacket. Hugh Hefner strolled past a child's toy and a picture of his wife in the nude before sitting down in his mansion to talk about old age.

The hedonist who founded Playboy magazine more than 40 years ago turns 70 today. "I've had a third act," he said. F. Scott Fitzgerald said there are no second acts in American lives and I've got Act 3 here and I'm very fortunate for it l feel wonderful."

With two young sons at his feet and his 33-year-old wife by his side. Mr Hefner looks more like a man in his 40s. Seventy is the reality, but he does not see himself as approaching the end of his extraordinary life. "My mother is 100. We have very good genes." His birthday will be a subdued affair, "a little cadre of friends

and family," he said.

The flamboyant symbol of sexual indulgence has toned down his act. Wild parties have been replaced by children roaming the grounds of his Holmby Hills estate in Los Angeles, their toys

ing a playmate fan club in which you can scattered about and giant road signs warning guests: "Children at play". And his ideal evening these days? "The weekends are spent with friends and

family, having a buffet, good conversa-tion and watching a classic film. It was in 1953 that he fired some of the first shots of the sexual revolution when he founded Playboy, featuring a nude Marilyn Monroe. There were parallels in their lives and she, too, would have been 70 this year. "In both cases, the dreams were fed in our childhood by movies. I think sex and nudity had a similar kind of liberating meaning for both of us."

said Mr Heiner, who has purchased a crypt for himself and his wife Kimberley — the 1989 Playmate of the Year adjacent to Monroe's. He is now focused on the next century, particularly electronic communication. Driving Mr Hefner these days is the Internet. "We're extremely popular on

the Internet and are going to be

launching a pay site next spring or early

summer," he said. "We are also launch-

get information, download images and communicate with playmates from all through the decades Perhaps surprisingly, the man who has

fought for First Amendment press freedoms for 43 years believes parents should have a V-chip to block certain television programmes or Internet features from *Children are often used as the

rationale or excuse for censorship. It's a phoney claim because this society isn't made for children. It is made for adults and they should keep certain things out of reach of children," he said. And even though his sons — four-year-

old Cooper Bradford and Marston Glenn, who will be six on his father's birthday - are taking computer classes, Mr Hefner isn't worried about them encountering sex on the internet. "It's one of the curious things about our society: we worry about the wrong things. There is little or nothing in the sexual arena that is really going to hurt people."

US courts uphold right to assisted suicide

FROM IAN BRODIE

THE right of terminally ill Americans to commit suicide with the help of a doctor has been upheld by two federal appeal courts.

The landmark rulings on the East and West Coasts have brought a controversy that has long been simmering to the forefront. A national debate is emerging on the medical, legal and theological implications.

The issue is almost certain to go to the Supreme Court where the justices will be asked to decide if the dying. have a constitutional right to ask a doctor for assistance in ending their lives.

The American Medical Association has decided to review its objections. Its task force on quality care says assisted suicide is incompatible with a doctor's role as a healer. Members worry, however, that their opposition will be seen as blind adherence to medieval values.

Doctors describe the quandary as the "immortality ethic" that is becoming more urgent as an ageing society fears that advanced medical technology could prolong suffering.

Supporters say the battle is over the civil rights of the terminally ill, while opponents warn of a slippery slope towards eradicating the inconveniently sick and elderly. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops says that nobody has the right to make a personal choice about death.

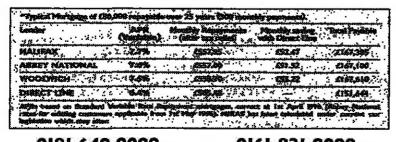
The federal appeal court in San Francisco voted 8-3 to annul a law barring assisted suicide that dated back 140 years in Washington state. The court said that competent adults have a constitutional right to seek help in choosing a dignified and humane death rather than being reduced to a child-like state of helplessness".

The ruling was followed by a similar finding in New York. The judges said it made no sense that doctors could pull the plug on life-support systems at a patient's request, but were not allowed to prescribe lethal doses of drugs for those who wanted them.

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Brando's outburst against Jews provokes threat from militants

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

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MARLON BRANDO may not have performed a memorable role in years, but he has lost none of his talent for controversy.

In a rare television interview the 72-year-old actor immortalised in The Godfather launched a bitter attack on Jews in Hollywood, accusing them of exploiting ethnic stereotypes in films. One Jewish group promptly vowed to make the rest of Mr Brando's life "a living hell". Appearing on Larry King Live, the actor

(who is Jewish) that Jewish stuexecutives should show greater sensitivity toward other ethnic groups which have suffered the effects nigger [in films].

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greaseball, we have seen the Chink, the sliteyed dangerous Jap . . . but we never saw the kike," Mr Brando said, using a slang term for Jew, generally consid-ered as offensive as the other racial labels in his tirade. When it came to depicting Jews in film, he added. "that's where you draw the wagons

round". The militant Jewish Defence League swiftly released an open letter addressed to "the Godfather of Hate" and accusing the leg-endary performer of slander-ing with "anti-Semitic vulgarities" the industry that had supported him.

Yesterday Army Archerd of Daily Variety, wrote that film industry leaders including many who considered themselves Mr Brando's friends had "deplored" his use of the word "kike". Mr Archerd, who has mounted a

one-man campaign against the use of the same word by ael Jackson in a song from his latest album, also tackled the actor's declaration that Hollywood was "run

by Jews" and owned Jews". This would come as news, he pointed out, to Rupert Murdoch of 20th Century Fox, Frank Mancuso of MGM/United Artists, and others who own or run studios but are not Jewish.

This is not Mr Brando's first of ethnic minorities. He re-



Veteran actor Marlon Brando and his son Christian

fused to accept his second Oscar (for the role of Don Corleone in The Godfather in 1972), sending instead an actress dressed as an Apache with a prepared speech attacking Hollywood's depiction of

American Indians in film. Ostracised by many in an industry he professes to loathe, Mr Brando has seen his career languish and his waistline balloon since his last great role in Last Tango In Paris. Depressed over the suicide a year ago of his daughter. Cheyenne, he now weighs more than 300lb and is endangering his life by overeating, according to his doctors. His only recent consolation was the release

from jail earlier this year of his son Christian after serving a five-year sentence for the manslaughter in 1990 of Dag Drollet, Cheyenne's lover.

Mr Brando still inspires tremendous loyalty from friends, however, and conspicuous fawning from would-be friends. Since Friday's outburst, one of Mr Brando's staunchest defenders has been his Jewish friend and agent, Jay Kanter. "If the Jewish Defence League is looking to find an anti-Semite Marlon," Mr Kanter said at the weekend, "they've got the wrong guy. Marlon has spoken to me for hours about his

Relaxed Dole slows holiday pace

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

IF BOB DOLE wins the race for the White House in November the United States will be deprived of the glorious annual spectacle of its presi-

dent at play.

President Clinton plays golf, goes rafting, rides and dines with the glitterati when on vacation in the Rockies or at Martha's Vineyard.

In a single day at his holiday home in Maine. President Bush would jog, career round an 18-hole golf course in two hours flat, blast up the coast in his speedboat, and wind down with a game of

Even President Reagan rode surprisingly ample paunch.

and chopped wood at his California ranch to show how igorous he was. Mr Dole has no intention of

continuing the fine tradition of howmanship, however. During an 11-day Easter break in Florida that ends today, the Republicans' 72-year-old presidential nominee has done absolutely nothing to entertain the nation save pose for a singularly unflattering photograph of himself talking into a telephone from his deckchair. In place of his customary dark suit he wore swimming shorts. a baseball cap and a plain white T-shirt that revealed a

Mr Dole's war wounds do limit his activities, but he spurned the chance to dispel concern about his age. A typical day consisted of a walk up the beach with his wife, a brief stint on a treadmill, a post-prandial nap, sunbathng, an early dinner and a

Nor did Mr Dole use his holiday to dispel the notion that he is a consummate Washington insider with no life outside politics. His reading matter consisted of biographies of Washington and Lincoln.

The Doles were staying at the condominium in Bal Har-

bour, just north of Miami Beach, that they bought for a low price in 1982 from one of the Senate leader's biggest campaign contributors. The building's other occupants include Howard Baker, an earlier Senate leader, Robert Strauss, the former US Ambassador to Moscow, and David Brinkley, a veteran Washington journalist. There is even a picture of the White House and Capitol in the

The New York Times rather unkindly noted: "There are on any given day by the pool more people with canes or in wheelchairs than children."

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Revolution. A congregation of hundreds, the majority of them elderly, antended Easter Service at the Xi Cheng Protestant church, founded by a British missionary in 1898. The church reopened in the late 1980s. having been badly damaged by Red Guards during the Cultural Revolution, a period people here recall with

IN WENZHOU

yesterday around the winding old

streets of Wenzhou, where a religious

revival appears to be taking place in

a city that saw some of the worst violence of China's Cultural

But in this city of seven million, there are now about 700.000 Fujian province opposite the break-away territory. "We dun't want war,

Christianity blossoms where Red Guards marched Wu Sheng Li. His words seem borne THE sound of voices singing Jin Zhao Ji Du Zan Fu Sheng ('Christ the Lord Is Risen Today") echoed out by Wenzhou's taxi drivers, some of whom proselytise for numerous new churches here, even inviting fares to attend services.

"Despite the Red Guards," said Mr Wu, "the spirit of religion was kept alive by believers. Forbidden church services here, they moved to rural areas. When pursued there, they went into the high mountains to worship." Today Communist Party memhers quietly come to church,

Now Wenzhou is settling down after the nervousness of last month when China staged war-games designed to influence Taiwanese presidential elections, when locals say they saw hundreds of military vehicles heading south to neighbouring

Taipei: Liang Su-yung, an adviser to President Lee Teng hui of Tarwan. said yesterday that he will visit China next week in a private capacity. Mr Liang, 75, said he would give a speech on the reunifi-cation of Taiwan and China at Dongbei University. (AFP)

because we had enough chaos during the Cultural Revolution," said one 68year-old man attending church serrice, who repeated the party line: We hope Lee Teng-hui [the Taiwanese President will not try to split Taiwan from the motherland, then we can have peace.

Wenzhou, which became a British treaty port in 1877, is a trend-setter. It pioneered small-scale capitalism in the early 1980s while the rest of China was still largely gripped by socialist

planning. During the Cultural Revo-lution, Red Guard and peasant militias fought it out with guns, and hundreds died.

But nowadays Wenzhou has a burgeoning wealthy class indulging in conspicuous consumerism and busy night streets lit by dazzling neon signs. The rich have posh cars and cellular phones are a must, said Jin Hang Bin, a young businessman.

But there is a vast underclass too, eking out a living by such occupations as moving huge concrete blocks on carts — father pulling, mother pushing, the single child adding his or her weight. "Material civilisation is valued more highly now than spiritual civilisation," said Mr Wu. But while there are extremes of rich and poor, there are chances for upward mobility. State-controlled firms represent less than 10 per cent of Wenzhou's economy, compared

Wenzhou has thousands of family businesses making shoes, dresses and household goods in the cobbled old area which has not yet succumbed to high-rise fever.

But perhaps the girls of Wenzhou are its most striking feature. Dressed in the height of fashion, including miniskirts, they make Shanghai look old-fashioned. There is even a King's Road, with a series of fashion boutiques patronised by chic young women with money to spend.

The girls in Wenzhou are smarter than those in Taiwan who these days just wear jeans or any old thing," said Mrs Li Wenhua, 67, a Taiwanese visitor who, unmoved by the recent military exercises, had returned to sweep and tend the graves of family

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Liberia peace collapses as thousands seek refuge

By Eve-Ann Prentice. Diplomatic correspondent

FIGHTING in Liberia between government troops and supporters of a deposed warlord was believed to be spreading yesterday, while tens of thousands of people sought refuge in diplomatic compounds in the capital, Monrovia.

The airport remained closed as the West African country suffered its worst violence in three years. Tens of thousands of people have fled the coastal capital and up to 15,000 were given refuge at the American residential compound in Monrovia. More refugees were fleeing to the Ivory Coast to escape fighting around Zwedru, home town of Samuel Doe, the country's late leader.

In Washington, Mike McCurry, the White House Press Secretary, called the trouble "a direct threat" to peace in the country. "We are very concerned with the unconscionable use of force in Liberia and the fighting in Monrovia," he said.

Kallu Kalumiya, of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, whose office is next door to the American compound in Monrovia, said by telephone: "It is extremely tense and violent. I don't think there is any building which is safe here. There

seems to be no law and order." Dr Kalumiya, who was sheltering on the floor of the UNHCR offices, said: "Today will probably be a decisive day, though it would appear that the police, supported by troops loyal to the Govern-



ment, are in the ascendant. It

is real pandemonium."
Fighting in the country, which was founded by freed American slaves in 1847, erupted on Saturday when government troops tried to force Roosevelt Johnson, the rebel leader, out of his home in the eastern suburb of Sinkor. General Johnson, who was recently dismissed as Minister of Rural Development, is wanted on murder charges after clashes killed several people in the capital last week.

Government troops overran his compound on Sunday, but he escaped and is rumoured to have joined hundreds of supporters who have taken over one of the city's main army barracks. Soldiers of Ecomog, the African peacekeeping army in Liberia, have stayed out of the fighting, to the dismay of civilians.

Sydney Sims, a spokesman at the US Embassy, said an American military team from Europe was due in the capital later yesterday to determine whether 470 - Americans should be evacuated.

The Egyptian Ambassador and other diplomats were being sheltered at the US Embassy. Some United Nations offices, including those of the World Health Organisation and the UN Observer Mission, have been looted.

It was not known whether any Britons were affected, but the Foreign Office in London repeated long-standing advice not to travel to the country.

A peace accord signed in August 1995 was to have cleared the way for elections this year, but has collapsed like at least a dozen before it. General Johnson joined the Government which took power after the signing of the accord, but was dismissed because of alleged involvement in ceasefire violations.

The war has killed more than 150,000 people and left more than half of the country's 2.3 million people homeless.



A South Korean soldier takes aim into the demilitarised zone where North Korean days, rais

Seoul 'to shoot intruders'

THE South Korean Army will shoot any North Korean troops crossing the border in the demilitarised zone, the

domestic Yonhap news agency said yesterday. North Koreans have in the past been warned first when

crossing the border and given a chance to retreat before being shot at. South Korean Navy and Air Force officers were also instructed to deal sternly with any provocation by North Koreans, who have sent troops into the demili-

in recent days, the latest being on Sunday, raising tensions in the border area.

The incursions into the sensitive region are a dramatic signal of Pyongyang's inten-tion to completely ignore a truce agreement that ended

the 1950-53 Korean War. Yesterday North Korea broke a nearly two-day silence over the tension, again blaming the crisis on Seoul and adding "bellioose quarters of the United States" to its list of

trouble-makers. A commentary in Rodong Sinmun, the Communist Parrea faced an "irrevocable disaster" if it ignored Pyongyang's warning against mak-

invade North Korea. Analysts in Seoul and Tokyo said North Korea's almost theatrical incursion into Panmunjom at night appeared to be more diplomatic than military and aimed at pressing Washington to agree to military talks with Pyongyang. North Korea has long wanted to wash its hands of the armistice agreement and to sign a peace treaty with WashNkomo's racial outburst FROM MICHAEL HARTNACK

Minister

defends

IN HARARE

ZIMBABWE'S Health Minister. Timothy Stamps, yesterday attempted to limit the damage to race relations after an emotional diatribe against whites delivered by Joshua Nkomo, the Vice-President,

Speaking at the graveside of his son Thuthani, 41, the man called "the Father of African nationalism in Rhodesia" blamed whites for Thuthani's death last week from Aidsrelated respiratory failure.

In the latest in a series of attacks on Zimbabwe's 70,000 remaining whites, Mr Nkomo said they had deliberately introduced the Aids virus with the aim of wiping out the 11.2 million black population and taking their land and wealth.

"Unfortunately it backfired because they, too, are dying of it, but still they have knowledge of its origins and how it can be cured, but they just do not want to share that know-

ledge," Mr Nkomo, 79, said. Dr Stamps, who emigrated to what was then white-ruled Rhodesia from Wales in 1969 and joined Mr Mugabe's party soon after independence in 1980, yesterday blamed Mr Nkomo's outburst on prominence given by the local media to Wolff Geisler, a visiting German author who claims Aids that is "a plot against ed by Western scientists.

The epidemic, now reported to affect more than 10 per cent of the population and to claim at least 300 lives a week, was denied initially by Dr Stamps's predecessor. Herbert Ushewokunze, who died of an Aids-related illness earli-

Dr Stamps said that Mr Nkomo's complaint of lack of help from whites was partially justified by French and American scientists' failure to notify Africa promptly when the virus was first identified.

☐ Fishing ban: The Government yesterday banned all commercial fishing and recreational activities at Lake Chivero, Harare's main water source, where pollution has killed thousands of fish. (AFP)

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Peking scorns state of Britain

FROM TOM WALKER IN HONG KONG

PEKING chose yesterday's Easter holiday as the perfect opportunity to remind the people of Hong Kong how fortunate they were to be ridding themselves of degenerate British rule. An editorial in the staunchly

pro-China Wen Wei Po told

readers that Britain had the

worst human rights record in Europe, that its teenagers work in sweatshops and unemployed families "eat potatoes six days a week and can afford steak only once a week". The attack rounded off a week of propaganda from China, alternately wooing

Hong Kong with a soothing

advertising campaign for cooperation and then peopering some of its "information" channels with vintage invective. The Ta Kung Pao, a sister paper to the Wen Wei Po, accused Britain of conspiring with Hong Kong's Democratic Party to extend colonial rule.

Last weekend the territory

voted with its feet on Peking's latest outbursts; 150,000 ethnic Chinese joining a mile-long queue for British passports. This weekend the editorial and a call from China for Hong Kong's children to rediscover "patriotism" and throw off the colonial yoke has sparked further mass dissent.

Wang Fengchao, deputy di-rector of Peking's Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office, told schools they must remind young people "of their true national identity." But Au Pak-kuen, vice president of the Hong Kong teachers' union, responded: "Letting our kids know only the things the rulers would like them to know is indoctrination - not education."

Many teachers, businessmen and civil servants speak of a desire to leave for Canada or Australia. "Migration is the best protection against Communists," said 23-year-old trader Simon Li.

Envoy charged with child sex

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

A SENIOR Australian diplomat who has been charged with sex offences against children overseas, is to appear in a Canberra court this month, police confirmed

yesterday. John Holloway, a former Ambassador to Cambodia, faces charges under the Child Sex Tourism Act, which was introduced in 1994 to protect children outside Australia. The prosecution will be only the second of its kind.

A spokesman for Australia's federal police confirmed that the diplomat had been charged by summons served on his lawyers but refused to

elaborate on the nature or number of charges. Conviction under the new law carries a maximum jail term of 17 years. Mr Holloway, who has strongly denied accusations of paedophilia, is scheduled to appear in court on April 30. Confirmation of the child

sex proceedings against him comes at a time of increasing concern over allegations of widespread paedophilia made during the current Wood royal commission into police corruption in New South Wales. The hearing has been told of a paedophile ring in Sydney in which rich businessmen who took advantage of under-age youths were protected by corrupt police officers. ☐ San Antonio, Texas: A selfprofessed "child-molesting demon" who threatened to kill his next victims was released from prison yesterday after agreeing to what officials called "unprecedented" parole

restrictions.

Larry Don McQuay, who has asked to be castrated in the hope that it would stop his urge to molest, is to live in a halfway house here. Dan Morales, the Texas Attorney-General, said the state may allow him to be castrated after his release if he continues to

Black photographer cashes in on negative exposure FROM INIGO GILMORE IN CAPE TOWN

picture of him so I dropped my

camera and picked up some bricks," Mr Jason said. "I was

worried that he may have spotted

me but when I called out 'hello

baas' [boss] in a subservient man-ner he smiled and walked away."

WHEN Baroness Thatcher arrived father of two whose guile matches in Cape Town a few days ago for a . low-key Easter break with her son Mark she came face to face with a new growth industry - South

Africa's paparazzi Driven by the entrepreneurial zest the former British Prime Minister so fervently endorses, the business shows great financial promise. The arrival in Cape Town of Earl Spencer, the brother of the Princess of Wales, close on the heels of Mark Thatcher and a bevy of international stars, has brought

celebrity fever to the country. The most prominent figure in the growing posse of pictorial fortune seekers is Fanie Jason, 42, a black

that of more seasoned European and American paparazzi professionals. After years subsisting on the breadline recording township violence, Mr Jason has found chasing Cape Town's rich and famous pays beyond his wildest dreams. Last month alone he pulled in about 30,000 rands (£6,000).

He says his skin colour and patience are the keys to his success. When Earl Spencer's house recently underwent renovation Mr Jason the premises disguised as a

slipped into overalls and entered

Spencer suddenly turned

The photographer showed his definess when Andrew Parker Bowles, ex-husband of Camilla, recently spent his honeymoon in South Africa. He told the hotel receptionist to inform Mr Parker Bowles that his "friend" Fanie Jason was here to speak to him.

Once he was on line I took the phone from the receptionist and he protested that he did not want any around as I was about to take a publicity. I started waffling about

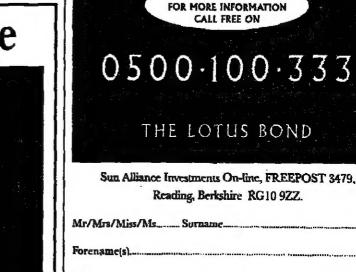
how I worked for a black newspaper and that black people in South Africa were very interested in his visit. I heard him call across the room to his wife 'Darling it's the black press, I think we should do this one'.

Within minutes he had them perched on a bench in the hotel garden and hours later their photos were splashed across British and South African newspapers. "It is the other side of the

struggle. The game is the same, it's just the players that have changed," he says. "Compared to the apartheid days playing hide and seek is easy. It pays to be black and I intend to exploit that."



Jason: "The game is the same, but the players have changed"



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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

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OXFORD Final week for one of the more interesting celebrations of the centerrary of the comma. The Director's Eye is a collaboration between the Oxford Museum of Modern An and the British Film Institute, showing of the cream of designs and directors drawings film-makers such as Eisensein, Felin and Hitchcock were seen order drawings men, and along with

also gifted draughtsmen, and along with

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Yehudi Menuhin kicks off the Warsaw Sinfonia's British tour

VENUE: Tonight at the Barbican



■ CHOICE 3

Felicity Kendal stars in Feydeau's classic farce, Emily Needs Attention VENUE: Tonight at the



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■ MUSIC

Mezzo with a message why Anne Sofie von Otter : wants everyone to love the songs of Sweden

THE LEAVE

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NABUCCO Verdi's early masterpece returns to Covert Garden with Tim Albery's production, as controversial in its way as the Richard Jones's Ring. A provocative and stimulating evening, with Russian wunderkind Władimir Jurowski in the pit and Alexandru Agache, Nina Rautio and Samuel Raimey

among the cast.

Royal Opera House, Bow Street, WC2
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all Beethoven programme of Egmant Overture, Piano Concerto No 4 and Symphony No.3 Over at the Festival Hall, 20th-century specialist Leonard Statistin and the Phiharmonia Orchestra offer a world premiere for John Casken, sandwiched in between Vaughan Williams s The Lark Ascending and Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (6) (0171-638 8891) Festival Hall, South Ben

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CLOCKS AND WHISTLES Michael Cashman heads a talented young cast strugging with a menage trois in late-right-London Samuel Adamson's first play and Dominic Dromgoole's last production here as Bush Shepherds Bush Green, V/12 (0181-742 3388) Mon-Sat, 8pm

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Royal Court, Sigane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745), Mon-Sat, 7 30pm mats Apr 18 3pm and Sat, 3 30pm MARY STUART Superb playing by Arma Massey as Schiller's Virgin Queen French actions Isabelle Huppert less at ease with the language as her doomed

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GET SHORTY (15) John Travolta's loanshark lakes on the movie business Entertaining but Invial cornedy, with Danny De Vito, Gene Hackman, Rene Danny De Vito.

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Christopher Hobbs for Caravaggio, not to mention costume designs for Mariene Degrich in The Garden of Aliah. Blueseum of Modern Art. 30 Pembroke Street (01865 722733). Tue-Sat., 10am-épm (Thurs to 9pm); Sun, 2-8pm. (§)

HULL: The Conterbury Tales are back on the road from longht, played as medem-day storytelling competition, with a nervous vicar as MC (Brian Cant) vain a nevous wear as MC (Brian Card) and Brian Glover as the irrepressible Maler Adapted by Michael Bogdanov and written by Robin Davies. New, Kingston Square (01492 226856), Tonight-Set, 7.30pm; mat Set, 2.30pm.

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EL SKYLIGHT Outstanding playing by Anchael Gambon and Lia Williams in David Hare's dramatisation of society's conflicts in the form of a prickly reunion between two lovers Wyndham's Channg Cross Roed, WC2 (0171-369 1736) Mon-Sat, Bpm.

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fantasy, directed by Farnad Mann Odeon West End (01426 915574) ◆ SGT, BILKO (PG); Crass spvr-off from Phil Silvers talevision comedy classic, with Steve Martin as the

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For a richer diet, add Swedes

Anne Sofie von Otter proudly tells Hilary Finch why her recital menu has acquired a nationalistic flavour

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ill, Bell, Ball ... the words descend the stairs, step by step, with the Swedish with mezzo Anne Sofie von Otter. who is warming up - not, like most of her colleagues. through singing, but by using her own carefully structured programme of speech therapy. She discovered the method after a particularly testing period of overwork, and finds it as useful for gritting her teeth to talk to a journalist as for preparing a

Schumann song. Her Wigmore Hall recital this week offers a characteristically challenging programme: Schumann rarities. including a long. chattering song about a fortune teller ("the speech therapy certainly helps

with the colours of consonants and vowels there") and something new: a group of turn-of-the-century Swedish songs, little known until the recent release of her latest recording, Wings in the

Britain awoke a decade or so ago to the golden age of Nordic art, when the dark interiors and light-dappled plein-air canvases of the National Romantic painters filled the Hayward Gallery with their Dreams of a Summer Night. The golden age of song. though, is still virtually unknown to us, and von Otter and her planist Bengt Forsberg have a strong sense of missionary zeal.

There will be a group of songs by Wilhelm Stenhammar, better known here for his symphonies and string quartets; and a handful by Peterson-Berger, exuberant settings of folk poetry much admired by Strindberg. And von Ot-

RECORDINGS by Concerto Italiano

have won many prizes; their performances have created a flurry of

controversy in the Early Music world.

They made their first appearance in

this country at the Aldeburgh Early

Music Festival last Saturday, 12 years

after the group was formed by Rinaido

I am not among those who would

say that, without exception, Italian

music should be sung by Italians (the

basis for the controversy), but a

knowledge of the language in which Monteverdi's word-based madrigals

were conceived and composed has to

It should be emphasised, however,

that it is not just that these Italian

give Concerto Italiano a head start.

Alessandrini.

ter's own favourite: the exquisite settings of Chinese poetry by the orientalist Sigurd von Koch, reminiscent of Mahler's Song of the Earth, shaped by spare vocal and pianistic brushstrokes evoking lotusblossom and moonlight.

Von Otter's enthusiasm for spreading their words is compromised somewhat by the closeness she feels to the repertoire. "It's rather nice to keep these songs for yourself, in a way. Of course they deserve to be far

> more widely known. when my friend Barbara Bonney includes some Swedish songs in a recital, I always feel a degree of possessiveness. I feel very Swedish, proud of my country and its wide spaces, its

seasons, its light. "Of course, there is a unique tradition of singing in Sweden: they say every tenth Swede belongs to a choir. You can sing so well in Swedish: Danish is so much further back in the throat, and the Norwegians tend to talk much higher than we do."

Push von Otter too far on the subject, though, and the cool, grey-blue eyes will glaze over. England, after all, was as important a part of her upbringing as Sweden. The daughter of a diplomat, von Otter lived in London between the ages of seven and 12. "I would sing at the piano with my mother at home, and we particularly loved English Christmas carols," she says. We sang them all year round, so that after the tenth performance of Good King Wenceslas in May, the neighbours would plead for us to sing something else."

"I feel very Swedish, proud of my country and its wide spaces, its seasons, its light," says Anne Sofie von Otter, whose imminent London recital will include several Swedish songs

was bland and needed a far wider palette of colour to hold an audience's attention. "She showed me my repertoire, the Mozart trouser-roles, and Richard Strauss later - although I was very reluctant to go into opera." By the 1994-95 season von Otter was giving 20 performances a year. Now she plans to concentrate on fewer roles: Idamante, Sesto, Octavian. Gluck's Orfeo and Bartók's Judit.

London at 20, studying at the

Guildhall with Vera Rozsa,

who told her that her voice

good for me," she says. "But There's the end of my career. But there's so much more that with two children just starting Bengt and I want to do." at school, the working periods Such as a disc of French are simply too long. When I chamber songs, due for resing Lieder, I'm my own lease in the autumn. More director, my own conductor. I can work at my leisure in Zemlinsky, more Mahler, A

lives near by. My family is the cycle written specially for her by Sven-David Sandström. real future. "So many of our colleagues "I now realise that my voice and my life — are not are tired of music. They want endless. I was always the to go golfing, to do anything but music. But Bengt and I are youngest child, the gifted little girl, until May 9 last year when I turned 40. It's like hungry for music."

• Anne Sofie von Otter is at the

new opera and a new song-

Wigmore Hall, London W1 (0171-935 2141) on Thursday, 7.30pm

braking suddenly in a car. In front of me there's death. Von Otter was back in "Opera interests me and it's Voices of authority

singers can bring out every nuance and in-**EARLY MUSIC** flection of their own language; it is equally important that they are such good singers. and that their inter-

Concerto Italiano Snape Maltings

pretations are as strong musically as those of any group I have heard. The quality of the voices of the team of six singers who visited Snape Maltings (and who made the most of its clear but vibrant acoustics) was high and their technical control superb. I must single out the bass. Sergio Foresti - so few

with this agility and accuracy of pitch but they were all excellent, and blended perfectly without loss of

Stockholm with Bengt, who

individuality. The programme was a mix of the familiar and unfamiliar that served to demonstrate the sheer range of Monteverdi's madrigal output over the course of some 50 years. English performance of this repertory has often been described (especially abroad) as cool, but uncontrolled passion is not what is

required either, as Concerto Italiano showed. Their approach is full of intensity and, yes, sensuality, but it is always musically disciplined, rhythmically taut and based on a technical control that allows the softest pianissimo imaginable without vocal whiteout.

From some of Monteverdi's earliest essays in a highly expressive chromatic idiom in the second book of madrigals (1590), to the music-drama experiments of the eighth (1638), these were nearflawless performances from singers and instrumentalists (harp and theorbo in addition to harpsichord) alike. Definitely one of those concerts that will linger in the memory.

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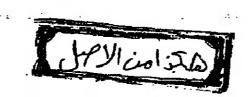
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A new National Portrait Gallery show looks at how Livingstone and the Victorians grappled with Africa



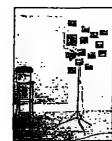
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Avis Newman fills the Camden Arts Centre with her paintings, her first British exhibition for five years

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of what the artist Dominique Gonzalez-Foerster saw as a French visitor to India

GALLERY ROUND-UP

THERE are perhaps too many elements in Ed Lipski's first one-person show, but it is obvious that the overcrowding is intended to wrongfoot any simple understanding of what he is about. A huge daft blackbird, covered in real feathers, hangs low in the gallery on a perch. Models of children have black, beady mixture smeared illogically across their mouths and eyes. A pink pig becomes a round-ed, faceless, tail-less object with few features left. It is difficult to know just where the references associated with one object stop and the next lot start, but such work suggests exciting possibilities.

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☐ The inaugural exhibition at Robert Prime is un account Dominique Gonzalez-Foersier of what she saw as a French visitor to India. Through the simple device of mapping out distinct areas in colour painted on to the walls, she manages to orchestrate divisions and boundaries between different spaces in the gallery. Photographs, maps and plans of Chandigarh in the Punjab, designed by Le Courbusier, show the contradiction between untidy reality and planned Modernism. Without attempting a false overview, however, Gonzalez-Foerster also shows transparencies of a face or hand, and details taken from Indian painting fixed on to fluorescent citron-green walls. Robert Prime, 60/61 Warren Street, London Wi (0171-916 6366) until April 20

☐ The sheer range of Graham Gussin's work seems to demand a particular kind of attention. Labour-intensive pencil drawings of aerial overviews are shown along-side finely drawn abstract plans, maps and diagrams. At the back of the larger gallery space, a huge picture of two islands ringed by sand and water presents an unreal structed maps, signs, plans and charts next door and downstairs. This newly opened gallery space has been perhaps overfilled by Gussin in his enthusiasm to nudge the viewer towards limitless possibilities. Lotta Hammer, 53 Cleveland Street, London WI (0171-636

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David Livingstone's background competition in the race for Africa.

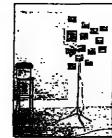
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failed to achieve what he set out to do was, in the long run, of minor

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. while Alison Wilding meditates on mortality in her intriguing stainless steel sculpture, Echo



... and an account

Exploring the heart of Africa

The Livingstone exhibition is a

anatomy of the British way with

politically correct examina-tion of the white man's burden from the National Portrait Gallery's exhibition on Livingstone and Africa, you will be disappointed. This show is about the Victorians and how they grappled with the great continent: determination, self-help and obsessive ambition are the meaty

as a child factory worker who achieved his ambition to be a missionary by night-time study, his belief in commerce as an arm of philanthropy, his anti-slavery stance and physical bravery, all locked into Victorian ideals and aspirations. His expeditions constituted all that was best about the British Empire and outflanked the

importance. Livingstone's exploits were extraordinary from any point of view. He arrived in South Africa in 1841 as a missionary but stayed put only long enough to make one convert. (Unfortunately for the London Missionary Society, which had sent Livingstone, this was a slight conquest because Chief Sechele of the Kwena endured monogamy for only a matter of months. Livingstone was not unsympathetic: he understood the African resistance to Christianity, which attacked the very basis of their way of life.) Instead, leaving the mission behind, Livingstone between 1853 and 1856 set off to coast to coast, a distance of about 2,000 miles from Luanda in the west to Quelimane near the mouth of the Zambezi in the east: one of the two or three greatest feats of land exploration in history.

En route he encountered thunders", and named it the Victoria Falls. Livingstone came back to England a hero, lionised in society and welcomed into the tight network of science and politics in



Herd of Buffalo opposite Garden Island, Victoria Falls (c 1862-65) by Thomas Baines. His paintings and sketches are one of the delights of the Livingstone show

president of the Royal Geographical Society, played a key role. It was Murchison who obtained the support of Parliament for Livingstone's second African expedition: the exploration of the Zambezi.

The steamboat that had been transported in bits from England kept running aground and had to be abandoned. The enormous drop of 600ft of the Cabora Bassa rapids in any case meant that the river was unnavigable, and plans of opening up southern Africa to industry and commerce via the

Zambezi had to be abandoned. Livingstone quarrelled with all the expedition's members in turn, including his brother. Nor were any converts made, and many of the missionaries who had been encouraged by Livingstone's unrealistic accounts died of malaria and Acutely conscious of his failure

and of the withdrawai of public ambition to compete with Grant. Burton and Speke in the race to find the source of the Nile. It was on this last, badly planned expedition that Livingstone disappeared and James Gordon Bennett, Editor of the New York Heraid, sent his reporter Stanley to find him, thus engineering one of the greatest scoops in the history of journalism.

Finding in Livingstone the father figure that he lacked, Stanley ignored the flaws in his character and instead described Livingstone

as "near an angel as the nature of living man will allow". The discovery of a forgotten saint rather than brave but embittered man undoubtedly also made for better copy. Stanley's account formed the constructed about Livingstone after his death in the swamps of Lake Bangweulu on the same expedition

ecause Livingstone could not draw, the plates for his first book (a bestseller) were worked up in London from verbal descriptions. On the Zambezi trip the party included an artist called Thomas Baines, whose sketches and paintings are one of the delights of this show.

Baines resisted Livingstone's instructions to make purely ethnographic drawings of the Africans they encountered and painted sympathetic portraits of two of the slaves at the Portuguese colony of the first painting of the Victoria Falls, a fascinating meeting of the British landscape tradition with a drama of subtropical vegetation, panic-stricken water buffalo, biggame hunters and the thundering

waters of the falls. Paintings are only a part of the context within which this show tells Livingstone's story. Photographs, letters, travel notes, scientific records, stuffed birds and animals, as well as artefacts brought back from Africa, all evoke the continent

through the sensibilities and preoccupations of the Victorian explorers. Having grown up in a pre-Darwinian generation, these men had no problems in perceiving Africa through a fusion of science, rengion and poetry.

Most extraordinary and most poignant perhaps are the hats that Livingstone and Stanley wore at their famous meeting, and a section of the baobab tree under which Livingstone's African bearers burled his heart before carrying his body to the coast. I defy anyone not to engage with this insight into the anatomy of empire.

 David Livingstone and the Victorian Encounter with Africa, at the National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (0171-306 0055) until July 7

brass form. Ultimately.

though, the sphere proves impossible to pin down: whenever we look at it from a different angle, the brass appears to have changed position.

Instead of remaining solitary. it jumps around the sculpture like the voice of Echo herself, who could only speak when repeating someone else's

So we are left with a stimulating conundrum. If

Wilding's exhibit is indeed concerned with a nymph's

death, it can be seen as a sombre memorial. At the same time, however, the restlessness

created by its reflections and

baffling interstices is at odds

with the whole notion of a

sarcophagus. The artist her-

self has written that, when she

was working on the model for

Echo, it exuded "a concentrat-

ed stare, of brass at steel and

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words.

Look closer, and all is revealed

Richard Cork looks beyond the delicate self-effacement and falls for the strength of Avis Newman's paintings and Alison Wilding's sculpture, now on show in London

ome artists thrive on constant visibility, mov-ing from one show to the next with an insatiable thirst for exposure. Others prefer a more reclusive approach. They exhibit sparingly, and never push themselves into headline-hogging manoeuvres. Their work shuns boisterous spectacle, opting instead for subtle, slow-burning strategies which can easily be overlooked by anyone in search of a quick visual fix. But they often turn out to be immensely rewarding, and

isfying than the work of their high-profile contemporaries. Two of the finest of these deceptively quiet artists. Avis Newman and Alison Wilding. happen to be showing in London at the moment. Their

provide experiences more sat-

work does not disappoint. Newman, holding her first exhibition in Britain for five years, fills the Camden Arts Centre with large paintings and small objects that make no attempt to seize the viewer's attention. Seen from a distance, as you enter the grand, handsome gallery where most of them are displayed, the paintings look like monoclareme abstractions. Only after closer inspection do these seemingly all-black or allwhite images disclose the marks Newman has left on

their surfaces. She thinks of them as spiders' webs, and they certainly have the fragility of thin, delicate tracery discovered dangling in a hedge or a

neglected doorway. But if the word "web" implies something intact, than it is misleading. For the faint linear trails in Newman's pictures all seem broken. The "web" has already begun to disintegrate. Its particles hover uncertainly in space, ready to be battered still further by a sudden rush of wind. At their strongest, on a white canvas called Webs

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(Backlight) V, displayed in a smaller room, the siender black and grey lines lance through the milkiness of the pigment around them. But even here, they are far from aggressive. They straggle and falter, declaring their hesitancy without pretence.

In most of the paintings, though, Newman's marks are more clusive. They hover on the edge of invisibility, and break up into particles so small that they resemble a flock of birds wheeling far above the ground. In the white paintings, they seem about to melt in an all-enveloping haze of radiance. But the black paintings are more alarming. and suggest that the thin lines

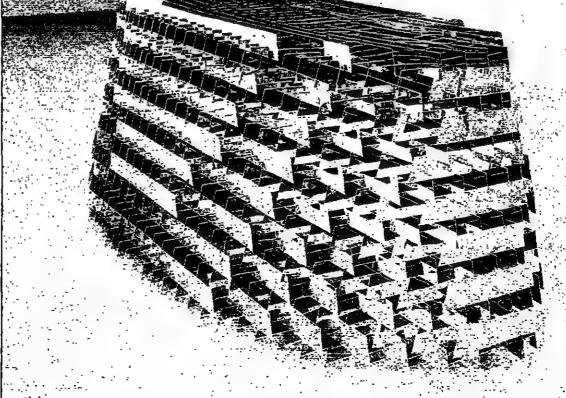
are threatened with obliteration by a voracious darkness. They flicker in the void, ready at an instant to vanish

These canvases are quite distinct from Newman's work in the 1980s. There, the presence of both humans and animals could be detected in the billowing forms she spread across her picturesurface. However ambiguous they may have been, they insisted on playing a substantial role in the turbulence of the painting as a whole. Now, by contrast, they lin-

ger only as fast-dissolving suggestions of their former existence. Newman now regards them as, at best, spectral memories. In her latest paintings the particles have been completely absorbed in dense fields of subdued colour. Absence here becomes an unavoidable reality. Like so many other artists in the mid-1990s. Newman is preoccupied by transience and loss.

Only in her boxes does she retain a hold over the solidity of objects. Supported by white plinths and encased in Perspex containers, these wood rectangles await examination in the third gallery. Some contain shells, arranged neatly on ledges like prized items in a collection. Others are hard to fathom, like the box opening on one side to reveal a dour, stained surface within.

But these boxes lack the imaginative power Newman commands when she applies brush to canvas. I spent far



"As frustrating as the interior of a Piranesi prison": Alison Wilding's stainless steel and polished brass sculpture, Echo (1995)

more time with the paintings, and found myself fascinated by their ability to alter each time they were scrutinised. Nuance is all in these evanescent images. If they are preoccupied with the inevitability of loss, their refinement ensures that melancholy is countered by a beautifully judged lyricism. That is why Newman's exhibition is, in the end, so heartening. It confronts the prospect of extinction with poise, and refuses to let gloom snuff out vitality even when exploring the very heart of

darkness. Alison Wilding, whose exhibition at Karsten Schubert consists of a single sculpture, also meditates on mortality. Echo, the title she has chosen for this gently commanding work, reminds us of the nymph who died after yearn-

without avail for Narcissus's love. She gradually faded into the encircling forest, and Wilding's horizontal sculpture rests on the floor like a monumental coffin.

Rather than oppressing us with its bulk, however, Echo proves as elusive as one of Newman's feathery paintings. Its interlocking stainless steel slats tease the eye with their geometrical complexity. Highly reflective, they are broken up by the light, And, as we explore their glinting, fractured segments, so we realise how bewildering the structure will remain.

Like Narcissus, I found my own face mirrored when I crouched down to peer into the sculpture. But it was a fragmented reflection, and I grew simultaneously aware of my ability to see deep inside the work. There, the fantastic intricacy of the slats creates labyrinthine spaces as frustrating as the interior of a Piranesi prison.

Gradually, though, I be-came conscious of a presence lodged inside. Difficult to see from the sides, it is clearer from above. Made of polished brass, this mysterious sphere may refer to Echo's head. But Wilding ensures that it evades any clear-cut identification. even if the sharpness of the slats might well evoke Echo's body as it changed from bones

Metamorphosis is surely the governing idea at work. The initial impression of a coffin gives way to a more transparent alternative, inviting us to lose ourselves in its mazelike interior. As ever in Wilding's work, tension is

obsessional stare and mirrors mine at it." Those words help to explain why the entire sculpture seems far too alive to be confined by the negation of the grave. Suspended within its metal prison, the sphere may still be animated by the nymph's un-

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Sue Wright explains why she finally decided to take the test for Huntington's disease

sease (HD) it was a shock to us all, as we did not know that it ran in the family. I was 14 years old when I knew that my two sisters and I had a 50 per cent chance of developing HD.

I am now 39 years old and have lived with that risk for many years. It's a vo-vo type of existence: one minute convinced that you have HD, the next feeling guilty that you might be worrying about nothing — you might be in the 50 per cent who do not have the HD gene. It was always in the background, becoming worse at certain times of life. It was another complication to consider when forming relationships with boyfriends. Life insurance and endowments

have also been a problem. When I applied for a nursing job in New Zealand I realised that they would not accept me on a long-term basis. In practice, being at risk meant that I was treated in the same way as if I definitely had the gene. (Those who are HIV-positive but who don't have Aids are in a similar predicament.)

Howard and I had known each other for about five years when we decided to go for genetic counselling in January 1993. We were serious about each other but unable to make any decisions regarding marriage or having a family. It was one thing to know that I could develop HD myself, but quite another knowing that any children would be at risk too. We needed to find out about all the options before deciding whether or not to have a family.

When we first started genetic counselling no one was yet able to predict how close they were to cloning the gene. The only other test that was available was an exclusion test. This would compare my genetic material with my mother's. The foetus could then be tested, and if it had my mother's genetic material it was less likely to have my father's.

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Although Howard and I had an easy and open relationship, it was often less painful to avoid speaking about important issues. The counselling was on a regular basis and we really appreciated the professional way in which it was carried out. We were able to reveal our worst fears to nurselves and to each other. Did we really want to have a child, and could we cope with

having an abortion? When the HD gene was



Sue Wright with Elizabeth: "At some point we will have to explain to her that her mother has this gene, but we will take life as it comes." Photograph by PETER NICHOLLS

For the love of Elizabeth

cloned in March 1993 we had already had a few sessions with our genetic counsellor. I had been waiting for years for the gene to be identified, and when I found that I could have a genetic test it was a strange feeling. We had to consider seriously whether we were better off living at risk or living knowing I had the gene. There would be no going back.

The fact that we wanted a child also put a slightly different angle on the situation. If I knew that I had the gene, then I would know whether I could pass it on or not. It seemed the most sensible first step. I also felt that if I had the gene and had any regrets later in knowing about it, then at least I would feel that I had done it for the sake of a possible child.

We decided to go ahead with the test. Howard and I planned to get married beforehand - we knew we wanted to make a commitment to each other. However, it meant at least two counselling sessions with three months between them. Before the test we both felt that if I did have the gene

PERSONAL LOANS

we would not have a child. Part of me was afraid of knowing that I might have the gene, but then I also felt fed up with being at risk. It was also difficult not to think of the possibility of being clear. We tried not to raise our hopes. When we were given the date of our test result, we booked a holiday so that neither of us had to be at work after the result was known.

I took care in deciding which friends I could tell, as not all would understand. This choice became more impor-

tant as we approached the test because we knew that we needed the support of friends. but also that we needed privacy and space - particularly if we had to come to terms with a positive result. Therefore, we decided to confide in just two couples with whom we were close and whose views we respected. Our families were too close to talk to

When we had the result that I had the gene it was still a shock. We had feelings which were similar to a bereavement: first, we knew I would get HD, and secondly, what at the time seemed inevitable — the loss of not having a child. However, we had been well prepared. We both felt more at peace now we knew I had the gene. I'm sure fear can build up around something that might or might not happen and sometimes it's better to know

the truth. Neither of us regretted the decision at all. We continued with the counselling and were surprised that we still wanted

to have a child. Initially, I felt guilty about this. I felt that because I have the gene I should not have a child as well. Perhaps I saw Howard looking after me and a needy child, or perhaps I just felt it wouldn't be fair to the child knowing that I could be ill for many years.

However, we had always wanted a child and, in the end, after a lot of agonising. I chose to get pregnant. We had also decided that we would have the baby tested. It is the same test that I had, but done on the 11-weck-old foetus, and simiiarly proves conclusively whether the baby has inherited the gene. It was a big decision and we had a lot of counselling and support.

We knew there was a 50 per cent chance of any child of ours having the gene, and it was a particularly traumatic decision to get pregnant because we had both decided that if the baby had the gene then I would have the pregnancy terminated. The fact that we both reached this

decision helped to ease the

HOW HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE IS INHERITED:

I found out that I was five weeks pregnant in February last year. I felt pretty neutral about it because, in a way, I was gearing myself up for a termination — there was no point in getting excited onlyfor it all to end.

Those six weeks leading up to the test were very hard. I hadn't told my family about the fact that I had inherited the gene, and so chose not to tell. them about the pregnancy. either. Howard and I both felt that it wouldn't have been worth telling them without the happy news that the baby was clear. It was very stressful, the sort of time you can't really describe in words.

The test on the baby was performed at Guy's Hospital. it is like an amniocentesis, on a sample of cells. It is strange that a test that will reveal something so momentous only takes such a short while. We waited just under a week for the result, just praying for the right news. When we found out, the relief was enormous, we were so happy. The baby was completely clear.

decided that the moment was then right to tell my family both about my own test and the bahy. It was a very emotional time, as there was great sadness for me mixed with great joy for the baby. My family were not taken aback in the sense that they always knew we were all at risk from the gene, but so far they have chosen not to take the lest.

In September last year gave birth to a beautiful 71b 13oz haby girl. Elizabeth is a source of great joy for us both. At some point we will have to explain that her mother has got this gene, but we will take it as it comes and pray for advancements in medical science. The way I see it, people get ill anyway and there is no point in upsetting her unnecessarily.

We won't have another child, as the risk is not reduced and I don't feel I want to go through it again. We have been blessed with Elizabeth. and we want to enjoy her. The main thing is knowing that she's not at risk. We keep our minds open about the rest.

 Sue Wright tells her store in The Troubled Helix social and psycho logical implications of the new human genetics, edited by Theresa Marteau and Martin Richards (Cambridge University Press)

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When exercise is bad for you If you are not fit, don't overdo

WATCHED by more than even million television viewers Adam Frost, the stroke of the Oxford boat, clutched his chest as he crossed the finishing line at Chiswick Bridge after four miles and 374 yards of gruelling rowing.

As Mr Frost is only 21 and in peak condition, he can be assured that the race is unlikely to have done him harm: any chest discomfort is likely to stem from simple breathlessness coupled with disappointment. If he were unfit, or older, the gesture might have had a more sinister con-

Research workers funded by the British Heart Foundation (BHF) recently investigated the effect of exercise on fibrinogen levels. Fibrinogen

should

is one of the closting factors in the blood and it is thought to be imnary heart disease: too much circulating fibrinogen can be a portent of A team of re-

search workers. doctors and scienexhausted tists, from University College Hos-pital, London, has studied the effects of exercise

on army recruits. The team, ed by Professor Steven Humphries, took regular blood samples from 150 entrants and plotted the effect of what was for many of them unaccustomed physical exercise. The study provided furexercise, whether around the parade ground or across was good for the heart. In the first ten weeks of training the average fibrinogen levels dropped significantly, by 11.9 per cent. The lower fibrinogen levels

it, says Dr Thomas Stuttaford

wonderful argument for the brisk each morning, but the rest of the research casts considerable doubt about the benefits of violent exercise, whether it is, for

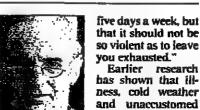
instance, rowing in the university Boat Race or running the London Marathon. The BHF found that fibrinogen levels responded quite differently when exercise was

carried to the point of exhaus-

tion, as in the Boat Race or when the recruits they were studying were driven to the Exercise limits of their physical endurance. In these stressful circumleave you stances blood fibrinogen levels breathless leapt up, but Probut not was content that as

> cally fit, their hearts were not in danger. Professor Humphries's research also found that 20 per cent of the population inherit a gene which gives them higher levels of fibrinogen when leading a normal life, and an increased liability to suffer a particularly marked rise in the level after exhaust-

ing exercise. Professor Brian Pentecost the medical director of the BHF, said: "This research confirms that regular exercise, enough to make you slightly breathless, is ideal when taken for 30 minutes



that it should not be so violent as to leave Vou exhausted." Earlier research

and unaccustomed exhausting exercise. particularly for those who are normally sed-

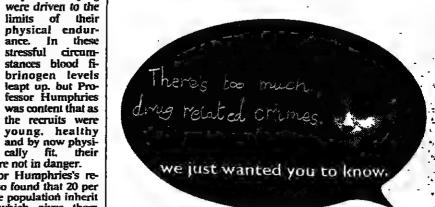
entary, increase blood fibrinogen levels, and appear to be part of the cause of heart attacks and strokes. The change, for instance, in the fibrinogen levels after a chilling 20 minutes in the cold can be enough to cause a reaction.

and is one of the factors which help to fill the obituaries columns after a cold snap.

Finding that there is variant in the fibrinogen gent which occurs in a fifth of the population and which is associated with increased fibrinogen levels brings doctors closer to being able to predict which of their patients have a high risk of suffering coronary heart disease.

Once identified, people can be treated and ties they should pursue. This ing part in marathon running, and it might even discourage exchanging life at a City desk, with little daily

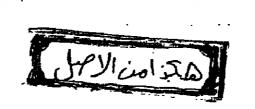
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The socialist queen of Herts?

Barbara Follett's political ambitions have produced resentment in the Tory marginal, Stevenage. Julia Llewellyn Smith canvassed opinion in both the old and new towns

t is a pretty white workman's cottage, with a tiled roof and red door. The timy front lawn is immaculately kept and in the patch of garden at the back the primroses are in bloom. But few people would want to swap a £2 million mansion in Chelsea or a villa in the South of France for this three-up, two-down in the heart of Stevenage's old town.

STUESDAY APPLIA

ion's disease

Yet this is the house that Barbara Follett, 53, wife of the bestselling novelist and millionaire Ken, bought for El10,000 when she learnt she had won the Labour candidacy for this marginal seat Already she spends Thursday to Sunday pere, and if she wins Tim Wood she says she will move there full-time A former "image

maker to the Labour Party, Mrs Follett spent years brushing flecks of dandruff off lapels, straightening collars and ensuring that no party member wore odd socks. If ever a place needed a Follett makeover it is Stevenage, a new town 25 miles north of Loadon, built to overcome the chronic housing shortage in the capital after the war. Its population rose from 6,200 to 76,000 but the boom was brief. Now unemployment stands

at 8 per cent. No wonder, then, that in the mock-Tudor houses of the Conservative old town and the postwar housing estates of the lebour new town, Nes Follett's campaign is viewed with deep-rooted cynicism.

Already Mrs Follett has enraged the locals by painting her match her trademark lackets, in a preservation area where all other doors are white. She then made matters worse when she applied for planning permission to expand the garden to

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planned to enclose with a brick "It was a very insensitive act," says an elderly neighbour, who declined to be named. "It offended the residents of the old town, who hate flashy newcomers, and it offended all the unemployed

BRITAIN'S pipesmokers are a serene fraternity. They puff up their private clouds of smoke, carve ceaselessly at

the crust inside their pipes, light more matches a day than the very worst arsonists and sip their soothing whis-

kies onto palates scarred by the

But this fumiferous pleasure - so

self-possessed, so calm, so introspective

- is now threatened by the vileness of

today's market practices. It is as if there

were a conspiracy against the brother-

hood of the briar: seven out of every ten

London newsagents do not stock or sell pipe tobacco any more. I know this

well, because these figures are the

result of my own one-man-and-his-

Other pipesmokers have confirmed

the cheerless findings of my four

months of depressing research. A

recently retired colleague - known for

his well-chewed pipe, dwindling hair

and temper short as a stub in an

ashtray - fumed to me that his

neighbourhood newsagent no longer

kept anything but cigarettes on the

A sage, bearded colleague at The

Times, who is an unflappable lunch-

time companion of mine, talks wistfully

of the days when flake and ready-

rubbed were as common as red

telephone boxes. An old Jamaican

puffer, by whose rumpled side I sit

from time to time at The Three

Horseshoes, frequently mourns the

decline of the Mother Country - by

which he means, of course, the disap-

tobacco shelves behind the till.

constant burn of tobacco.

include a public footpath and

some bushes, which she

people who saw them arriving and immediately trying to take over public land to expand

their property." The Folletts, realising they were causing resentment, soon backed down, but the incident confirmed many people's suspicions about the couple who are the embodiment of the phrase ''champagne socialism".



The candidate's constituency cottage ...



and her other house in Chelsea

This is Mrs Follett's third attempt to win a seat, after two unsuccessful attacks in 1983 and 1987 on Tory strongholds in Surrey. This time she has embarked on an intensive campaign to demolish. Mr Wood's majority of 4,888, which would disappear with a 3 per cent swing, easily achievable according to the latest opinion polis. The Folletts have sponsored

the kit of the top-scoring striker at Stevenage Borough Football Club, make regular appearances at local schools, and have donated dozens of signed copies of Follett first editions to charity auctions.

Mrs Follett explains that she was attracted to Stevenage because it was the first new town to be built by Labour after the war. "You still feel

that 1945 vision is there," she says.
"They still give the kids free milk in the schools every day. Community still matters to them. It's a bit like an expatriate community; these are East Enders who have been bombed out of London and dumped in Hertfordshire. I was born in Jamaica and grew up in South Africa and have spent my life moving around, often in expatriate sinuations, so I can relate to

Stevenage is taking a little while to become used to her, however. m'l" surprised the doesn't like says Marie Huber, a pensioner who does voluntary work at the Garden House hospice shop in the old town's High Street. "I have been here 33 years and for a long time after I arrived, there were shapkeepers who would make a point of serving the old towners before new towners."

"I think she has been put here to try and get on," says fellow volunteer Eve Blake, 69. "I don't like being used as the backdoor way in. I would vote Labour in the local elections because I'm quite satistied with the counwouldn't vote for her.

someone with all that money coming in as a Labour candidate. I'm sure people like her don't understand those they are standing for. In the old Labour days

don't know." Chris Parker, librarian at the old-town library (where several Follett blockbusters line the returns shelves), says: "Stevenage is very split, this end is very conservative. She is making an effort but I don't think she could do anything right if she tried.

Tunku Varadarajan runs out of puff in the quest for tobacco

Lament of a pipesmoker

they did come up the hard

way. With modern Labour 1



"She joined this library with a great flashing of cameras, it was all a bit over-the-top

t the Two Diamonds pub, across the road from the Folletts. Hugh Beeton, 56, unemployed, is having a lunchtime pint: "I will vote ur io Ser rue Tollez onit Rhi I'm not happy about that Follett woman. What does she know about the people in Stevenage and their problems? Why does she need another house? She should have given it to the homeless."

His friend, George Filer, 60, a gardener and member of the local Labour Party, says: "The fact that she is rich is not doing her much cop. Personally, I wish she was more left-wing. But she's quite attractive for 50-odd and she will make a good constituency MP. even if it's not for the right reasons." Others, however, feel that Barbie and Ken have be-

very moment, as you read this short lament, hundreds of restless men are

wandering from shop to shop, with pipesmoking fingers crossed, in search of their packets of St Bruno, their tins of

Yesterday I walked for a mile in

islington, north London — down Upper Street, the Essex Road, a side-

street here and there - in search of Erinmore, the tobacco I have loved

since my father first blew some in my

face when I was a teenager. It is sold in

vacuum-packed orange tins, lined with

ruched paper (as good tobacco should be), which one prises open with the twist of a slim coin, but in Islington it is

"HAVE YOU any Erimnore?" I asked one overworked newsagent, then a

second and a third. Each looked at me

with puzzlement, as if I had asked for a

daughter's hand in marriage. "No,

sorry, don't do that. Don't do pipe

tobacco. Try the next shop down the

road, I think they have some, but I can't

be sure." But the next shop never has

campaign. Pipesmokers, you must

unite and fight. Lobby your newsagent. Tell him what you want. Gesticulate

energetically at him. Write to the

country's pipe-tobacco suppliers, blow up a nimbus of ready-rubbed indigna-

tion. And if someone - anyone - dares

tell you that your demands are dated,

look him squarely in the eye and say:

"Put that in your pipe and smoke it!"

This is the time, then, for a virile

any. The search is a futile one.

sold not at all.

Balkan Sobranie, their Clan.

stowed on Stevenage a welcome sparkle. "Barbara will add a touch of glamour," declares Jackie Mansfield, at the florist's opposite. "Goodness knows, Stevenage could do with a touch of Chelsea.

"She's a very pleasant woman, I think she will do well, people are impressed by her. She's not pushy. On Mother's Day she came in to

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bother you, but would you mind making up some orders for me?". Then she sent flowers quite a few people. I think she's very thoughtful."

Penny Samuels, waiting for her three children outside Barclay Comprehensive, says: "I don't mind if she comes from London, most of us do anyway. I don't even know what she looks like, but I'd

sick of the Tories." like the sound of her." says Stuart Barnett, 26, landlord of the Yorkshire Grey oub, Mr Follett's local. "She hasn't been in politics too long so she's not tainted yet, she's a woman so she probably thinks more about other people than we do. So what, if she is a millionaire? Good for her for having made something of

But I will reserve judgment on her until she comes into this pub. The vast majority of our punters would not vote at all. They're all young people and they're too lackadaisical. They are on nine-to-five jobs, they earn £100 a week and they spend £95 on Friday and Saturday nights. If she came through this door and talked to a few kids she could get so

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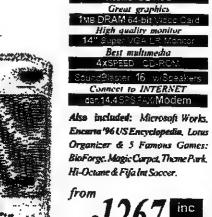
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Get out of the pulpit, Mr Blair

Elizabeth Noel says religion and party politics do not mix

This Easter, the Labour leader, Tony Blair, re-vealed something of the powerful relationship between his religious beliefs and political conviction. He implied it was difficult to be both a sincere Christian and an honest Conservative. As someone proud to be both I find his arguments unconvincing and his conclusion patronising.

Mr Blair made it clear his views were entirely private; "I do not believe that Christians should only vote Labour; and I do not discuss my religious beliefs unless asked, and, when I do, I discuss them personally. Of course they influence my politics, but I do not wish to force them on

anyone else." Despite the protestation, the implication of his words was clear. He was a Socialist because he was a Christian. and his faith meant he could never be a Conservative. I am baffled by his belief that the

two are so interwoven. in all my conversations about the bread and butter of politics from taxation to education, with both friends and foes, I have never heard a person mention the Bible, the Gospel, Jesus or religious faiths of any description. Its a blessed relief and one for which there

is a simple explana-Politics is, by definition, worldly, tempragmatic. frankly, at times. embarrassing. Do we think that both

the polls Messrs Major and Blair always feel at their most virtuous thundering away at the dispatch box? I

am sure they don't. Politics is not a way of life, it is simply a part of it. Conversely, religious beliefs can govern the most important parts of our inner life but they cannot reveal where to put the cross in the polling booth. The Christian message is too complex and challenging to be reduced to political propaganda. Jesus. I suspect, would have made an appalling guest speaker at a new Labour rally. He would have made the same rather short speech at all political meetings: "Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's."

But, not content just for his religious convictions to underpin his Socialism, it appears that Mr Blair believes it is his "duty" to become Prime Minister. "... There is a human impulse within, which can be fulfilled only through duty. For a politician this idea has important consequences, it means that you see the need for change around you and you accept your duty to do

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Duty is a difficult concept in politics. No one, after all, is under any duty to become an MP — unless guilt impels you to believe in some patrician idea of noblesse oblige. Most people seek election not out of duty but because they believe that one political party is a more competent custodian of

our country's needs and aspirations than the alternatives. Mr Blair need not feel a duty to form a Labour government. Gordon Brown does not have a divine duty to impose a windfall tax. David Blunkett is not impelled by scripture to

abolish nursery vouchers, and Clare Short's desire to make the railways publicly owned and accountable is not an

integral part of God's plan. Of course, there is a place for Christian fellowship in the wider context of public life and this fellowship extends beyond the Christian denominations, I am sure it is felt. briefly at least, during "praywhich take place in privare in the chamber at the beginning of every afternoon Parliament is sitting. Certainly, it is felt when we pray in our school assemblies and our religious congregations for our leaders to be blessed with fortitude, courage and wisdom. But we pray for peace, not Greenpeace. We pray for the end of suffering, not the League Against Cruel Sports. We pray for responsible government, not a particular

At the time of the last Labour leadership election l was attending Mass when the bidding prayers, fell, as usual. to a member of the congregation: "Let us pray." she in-toned, "that the Labour Party chooses a suitable and uniting candidate in this week's important leadership election." I felt quite embarrassed as I am sure Mr Blair would have

done had he been there. I would have Religion felt equally ill-atease had she urged us to pray for the Government not to be defeated on the where to put Fisheries Bill. the cross at It's just one exam-

ple but it does indicate how jarring it is to smuggle party politics into public worship. It is even more difficult to extrapolate a particular political message from a religious text. In his article. Mr Blair reminds us of a speech in which Margaret Thatcher quoted St Paul: "If a man will not work. he shall not eat." To this he offers his own interpretation:

"Everyone had a duty to get on and work for the common good. To participate in the benefits, they had to give as well as to take." I agree with him. Who doesn't? Conservatives, he claims, without any evidence. "Tories ... fail to look beyond to the community and the individual's relationship with the community." argues Mr Blair, without proving it. "That is the essential reason why I am on the Left rather than the Right." It is all no more than standard Labour propaganda dignified by association with the divine and all from a man who claims he "couldn't stand politicians who wear God on their

sieeves". Of course, Christians can be Conservative as well as Socialists. Still, how fortunate I will be to have the devout Mr Blair as my opponent at the next election. "Christianity," he reminds us, "is full of mercy and compassion." Since his religious beliefs play such a compelling role in his politics. I look forward to the Leader of the Opposition treating me with plenty of both.

Elizabeth Noel is the prospective Conservative parliamentary candidate for Sedgefield. She has worked for the Catholic Herald and in the psychology unit of HM Prison Wormwood Scrubs

The Tories are losing out to Labour on communicating with the electorate, says Woodrow Wyatt

hile the election draws nearer, most polls still have the Tories no closer to denting Labour's lead. There was a faint flicker of hope in last Friday's Daily Telegraph Gallup poll. On the standard question, "if there was a general election tomorrow...", the Tories had risen by three points to 26 per cent but Labour had merely dropped two points to 55.5 per cent. dropped two points to 55.5 per cent. Never since opinion polls were invented has there been so big a lead for so long for one party. Is the Tory message to blame, or is it the messengers delivering it?

On the BSE scare, the same Gallup poll asked: "Do you on the whole trust what ministers have to say or do you tend to be rather suspicious?" Eighty-six per cent, including 73 per cent of Tory supporters, said they were suspicious. Yet this is a painfully honest Government. Stephen Dorrell, instead of sticking to the safe proposition that there is no scientific evidence to link BSE to CJD. remarked that there were a few cases in which there might be a connection. It would not have been dishonest to have left out this speculation, which Message for Major

certainly damaged the Government. But Tony Blair's blunder at the outset attacked the noble, sacred British beef and, in true communitaire fashion, supported Brussels in its ban on the export of British beef. Since

then he has been back-tracking.

Mr Blair has seen dislike of Brussels's bullying rise to loathing. BSE is on its way out in Britain. In 1992 the epidemic affected more than 35,000 caitle. Last year there were fewer than 15,000 cases. Up to March 15 this year the number reported and confirmed had dropped to 1,119, according to the Agriculture Minis-try. Most European Union members have cattle with BSE: France has declared that a man has died of CJD through eating BSE-infected meat. but there is no ban on French beef. We are in the realm of politics, notscience. The Germans and French attack Britain over BSE, primarily

because it will not bow to their domination. If people thought logi-cally, the overwhelming support for John Major's approach, as distinct from Mr Blair's would translate itself into voting intentions. Perhaps the EU seems too distant and unreal to the great majority. This mood could well change decisively as Mr Major battles, with favourable publicity, to halt Britain's principal parmers' drive to federalism and to remove, through subsidiarity. Brussels's interfering powers.

Brian Mawhinney, Conservative Party chairman, appears to command enthusiasm among his staff but cannot get his message across to voters. He wastes energy on circulating attacks on Blair's "un-American activities", which only annoys Americans. He tangles with Blair on arcane nation which thinks religion largely irrelevant to politics. Divisions

ly helped by Mr Major's pledge that in the unlikely event of a Tory government recommending a single European currency a referendum would be held first. Splits in the Labour Party widen. The revolt led by Kevin McNamara, former Labour Shadow Secretary for Northern Ireland, against the emergency strengthening of provisions against terrorism, was backed in a Commons division by 40 Labour MPs. Far more Labour MPs than Tories reflect anxiety among supporters about their official policy on the EU.

abour's education policy has been so badly ripped about that nobody can now tell what it is. It was alarming that Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary. had a nasty reception at the National Union of Teachers' conference for her sane policies on grammar schools.

That the most powerful teacher union wants no selection should its fastened on by Dr Mawhinney.

On crime, Labour has voted against or abstained on all Michael Howard's tough measures, which have been backed by the general public - another area for Conservative Central Office to exploit. So is the ill-considered constitutional change planned by Mr Blair, Mr Major makes excellent speeches on the benefits of low inflation, ever cheaper goods and services, the continual rise in prosperity and falling unemploy-ment. The media have been so biased against him that his positive points re obscured.

Dr Mawhinney's team should display them in large newspaper advertisements and on the hoardings emphasising that these successful policies were opposed by Labour. There need be no election before next spring. Despite grumbles, David Trimble's Unionists will not risk losing Mr Major who has so brilliantly put Sinn Fein and the IRA on the spot. There is just enough time for Dr Mawhinney to convert a potential disaster into a triumph.

History in the making

A state-of-the-art Royal Yacht could satisfy traditionalists and modernists

ne of the hardest tasks for a nation is to balance its traditions against its future. Alan Bennett encapsulated it beautifully in his 1960s play Forty Years On, where the irritable young master puts on a debunking school play about casting off the fetters of national memory: Victorian values, Edwardian graces and wartime heroics. The old headmaster, played by John Gielgud with fustiness, hates every minute of it. "Memories are not shackles, man!" he cries. "They are garlands!"

Bennett's brilliance lies in his ability to laugh at both sides of the argument. The rest of us, depending on the issue, tend to dig in and hammer home the earplugs, terrified to retreat from the one position where

we leel safe. So you call down fury by suggesting that we modernise or scrap old ways, old laws, old buildings: on every issue from marriage to streetlamps there is a version of the Vicwith

Society much as glancing back to see whether our ancestors got some things right. When my husband first decided to farm with horses and antique machinery, to see what would happen, his postbag could be divided into embarrassing worship and furious, bitter scorn from agribusiness, quite out of proportion to

We fly off the handle very easily: whether about the rebuilding of Windsor Castle or whether or not children should use calculators. Yesterday Keith Waterhouse even wrote passionately about the death of "proper" Easter eggs with hand-grenade markings. Wait for the counterblast from Janet Street-Porter, advocating the radical Damien Hirst egg for today.

Maybe it is easier in countries whose heritage lies around them all the time, whether in the form of religion, gastronomy or just the siesta habit. Perhaps it is because Britain has changed very fast in this century that while some of us are frightened of going forward, others sense this resistance and are mortally afraid of being sucked back. So the heritage industry flourishes in all its banality while scientists and innovators fight their corner peevishly. Sunday papers alternate between breathless reports of new trends and mumbling toothlessly over the Abdication crisis: politicians confusingly claim both the keys to a golden future and the heirdom to a golden past. Only

occasionally do we get a conforting sense of synthesis: say, a picture of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother taking Sarah Chatto's new baby in a carbon-fibre pushchair for a tour of the Cinque Ports (well, one can

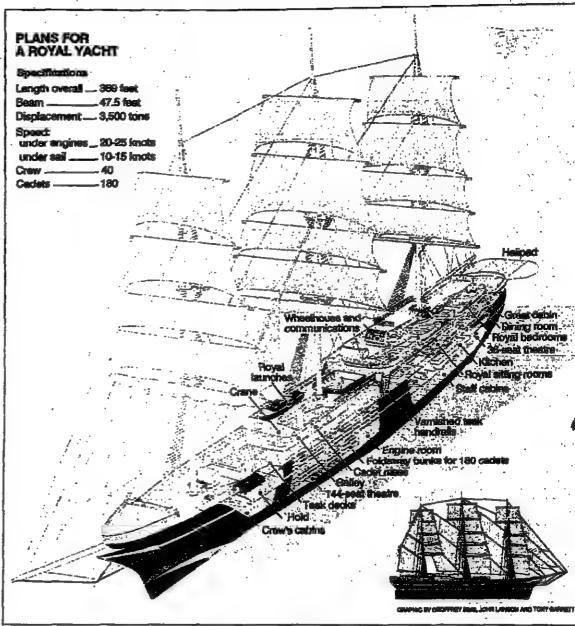
always dream). Yet this synthesis is the most desirable thing in the world. We cast off a lot of social shackles in the Sixties and Seventies, and revolutionised economic and working habits in the Eighties. In the Nineties there are signs that we are prepared to look more carefully at what constitutes a useless encrustation and what is an enriching part of national identity. Doctors take an interest in folkmedicine and old remedies (cobwebs, foxgloves and leeches have all found their way back into medicine). Wise farmers keep old breeds alive in case

their genes may solve modern problems; BSE has, bitterly, brought home the desirability of glancing back at gentler stockmanship. Wise politiread history. And, just occasionally, a national scheme

sockful of sand to put paid to comes up which brings together past progress. On other matters you can and present for a concerted, confiattract furious contumely by even so dent, joyful leap into the future. When that does happen it is vital to recognise it, and not to let it be scuppered by an understandable but unnecessary dread of retrospection. Today, the fear of being old-fashioned is itself rather dated.

The Government is facing one of these big ideas right now, in the proposed new Royal Yacht. All right. slam the newspaper down; I admit that the very act of typing the words "Royal Yacht" caused me to squirm. it is redolent of too many old shackles, too much fusty deference. Besides, this is a sailing ship; and for that reason, they say, the proposal is being opposed within the Cabinet by the Deputy Prime Minister, who fears it would look too old-fashioned

to promote British products. But listen for a moment: this proposal, backed by industry and led by the Commodore of the Royal Yacht Squadron (squirm again), is in fact startlingly modern in the way it combines past and present. They prefer to call it "a ship for the nation": has royal apartments, but also better theatres and audio-visuals than the old Britannia. It would serve British exporters not only in providing such overt platforms but because Colin Mudie's design uses aggressively modern British materials and technology. Rather to the chagrin of nostalgic old softies like myself, nobody is going to mistake this thing for HMS Victory: not only is it engined as well as any modern ship, with a 25-knot top speed, but the



How the new Royal Yacht could look: tradition and technology in tandem plus a role for Britain's youth

gation and communications brand new, and it makes wide use of the newest fibre-reinforced composites used in modern lifeboats.

These things may partly reassure Mr Heseltine, but the silhouette of those tall romantic masts and square sails still could prove a sticking-point. It did for the Times reader who, when we first floated the idea, demanded that the Queen should have a state-ofthe-art aluminium trimaran, "a Concorde on water". Fair point: but these futuristic shapes have a way of looking horribly dated within ten years. When the first Britannia was built, it was not on contemporary 1950s lines but on those of the 1930s: that is why she is such a classic and still draws gasps all over the world. A Concorde trimaran would soon draw titters, like the first-series model of

the Starship Enterprise. But why go right back to the age of sail? The Cadland consortium offers several reasons, the least of which is that frankly, a £63-million motorboat is not very impressive next to a super-

yacht, but a tall ship dominates any harbour (the Italian presidential yacht, far smaller, does it with great panache). Another small reason is that those who study shipping are convinced that over the next few decades some use of modern sail will return on ocean routes, simply because of fuel costs. Sail is not yet

he main reason which should sway the Cabinet is quite different. A sailing ship needs people. A lot of people, working together with discipline and in harmony. The ship could motor anywhere, in emergency; its security has been designed by a Rear-Admiral, David Bawtree, who advises the Home Office. In those depressingly modern ways it should be well up to snuff.

But to man its yardarms and haul its lines it would need more than technology. It would need the nation's and the Commonwealth's youth. It would be manned around the year by 180 "Queen's Cadets"

from every background imaginable. These boys and girls, 3,500 of them a year, would have graduated through our rich network of sail training ships, would serve a short period

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aboard, and never forget it. Nor would onlookers. We would be showing the world (and ourselves) that the wealth and hope of the nation lies not only in its industry and commerce, in the banks which financed the ship and the salesmen who use it, but in its next generation. It would demonstrate that the Queen inheritress of the most ancient, pompous and encrusted of traditions - rejoices in her young crew 🚓 trusts them as she trusts the fibrereinforced deck beneath her feet and the British computers on the bridge.

That, not any "heritage" prettiness, is the point of a sailing Royal Yacht. That is the synthesis between old technology and new, between our history and the nation we want to be. It is conservative and socialist, ancient and modern, royal and democratic. It is a happy idea. Give it a chance.

Angel dust-up

THE BIGGEST names in theatre widow, the actress Patricia Quinn will be jostling for space at Sir Robert Stephens's memorial service in St James's. Piccadilly, later this month. But there will be one notable absentee: Dame Maggie Smith. Sir Robert's third wife, has said she cannot attend; she will be "on holiday".

Suggestions that she is boycotting the event because Sir Robert's



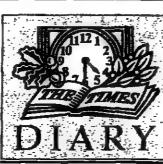
Early days: Maggie and Robert

plans to invite the sweaty pop singer Meat Loaf to perform at the ceremony are denied by her thespian friends. (Sir Robert believed that Meat Loaf, who secured his place in British hearts with his nervejangler Bat Out of Hell, had the

oice of an angel.)
Patricia confirms, however, that the Dame has sent her regrets. "I said she could do anything she liked at the ceremony - perform, or give a talk or anything." she says. "But she replied that she was

going to be on holiday." Dame Maggie's absence will be noted, although there are hopes of a lesser-known actor attending. The Prince of Wales, who played Prince Hal from Henry IV Part I with Sir Robert for a recording of Shakespeare's classics, asked Patricia Quinn to join him with friends such as Stephen Fry and Tom Stoppard at Sandringham for a recent weekend. And I've no doubt that, in return, he has received his invitation to the service.

 Camilla Parker Bowles is said to be spending Easter in Portugal as



a guest of the Marquess of Douro. son of the Duke of Wellington. Meals could be tricky - a friend of mine who stayed there was served up a local speciality: fried garlic and orange peel for breakfast.

Sounding off

DIFFICULT though it has been to pin this story down. I feel obliged to share what I have been told about Sundej Panti, yoga instructor. Panti, 47. was in Madrid recently taking part in a conference titled Controlling the Temper. He had just assumed an advanced yoga position, his legs behind his head.

when Nature's trumpet sounded. The suppressed giggles from the audience proved too much for the warrior in Panti. Unknotting him-

self, he flew into the crowd. "All hell broke loose," said an observer. Panti went bananas, shouting control is all and then everyone else joined in." Seventeen delegates to the conference were arrested.

Wilson's secret

NEW YORK churchgoers over the Easter weekend were let in on an intriguing disclosure about British political history in the 1960s: Har-Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael Ramsey, to call for force to be used against UDI supporters in Rhodesia, even though he knew that his Cabinet had already decided against it.

As soon as the Archbishop made his controversial speech, media-led thunderclaps erupted over Lam-beth Palace and Ramsey was lacerated in political circles. There was little in the way of support from Wilson's Downing Street

Canon John Andrew, a former chaptain to Ramsey, told his con-gregation on Good Friday at St Thomas's church on Manhattan's Fifth Avenue that the speech was made at Wilson's bidding. "Now he is dead I can say this," he said, seemingly moved to anger. "Harold Wilson telephoned Michael

and encouraged him to make those remarks. I took the call." Ben Pimlott, Wilson's biographer, did not know of the PM's involvement: But it sounds typical of Downing Street at the time — to have Wilson speaking with a forked tongue."

 Reports vesterday of the Queen's exclamation "Bloody fire", on see-ing the blaze which sent polo ponies stampeding over the weekend, brings to mind the experience of a recent visitor to Windsor Castle.



"The more you look at it, the more it looks like Tony

Ramsey the night before the speech Meeting the Queen as she perused the newspapers before breakfast, he noticed that she was reading a story headlined "Queen Furious about Charles". Spotting her guest, Her Majesty looked up and sighed. Well, I see I'm furious again."

Eton strut

BRITAIN'S well-born young women are already well represent-ed among top fashion models by the likes of Stella Tennant, granddaughter of the Duke of Devon-shire, and Honor Fraser, sister of Lord Lovat. Now carwalk life beckons for one of the boys.

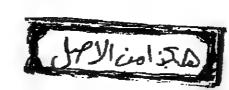
William Sinclair, 24, grandson of Sir Archibald Sinclair, Air Minister during the Second World War, and cousin of Lord Thurso, has been snapped up to model for Versace. A scout for the American photographer Bruce Weber spotted Sinclair while staying at II Cadogan Gardens, the elegant Chelsea notel where he is a manager.

Though one of the finest players of the Wall Game in his generation at Eton, Sinclair was sceptical initially. He was won over when promised that he would be working with top supermodels, not least Kate Moss. I thought I might as



William Sinclair: catwalk daze

well give in at that point," he says. Sinclair's modelling career, how-ever, has already got off to one start. Last year he was asked to star in a campaign for Hugo Boss by a mink-clad Ethiopian woman in a Sloane Square har. Sadly, the offer



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THE TEST FOR TEACHERS

Standards depend on tests, inspection and traditional methods

Anxious parents unsettled by evidence which suggests that standards in written English among teenagers have dropped since 1980 need look no further than Cardiff for one of the principal causes. The delegates to the National Union of Teachers' conference meeting there exemplify the worst elements of their profession. For most parents the NUT's absorption in agitprop is as anachronistic as it is alienating but the more damaging hangover from the past. which influences teachers well beyond the NUT's membership, is the persistent attach-

ment to progressive teaching methods.

The damage wreaked by current teaching practice is uncomfortably exposed by the comparative study of O-level scripts from the 1980s and GCSE submissions from the 1990s undertaken by the Cambridge University Local Examinations Syndicate. Pupils' grasp of spelling, grammar and punctuation has measurably worsened since 1980. The statistical sample, 30 boys and 30 girls at each grade, is not exhaustive but the evidence accumulated of a steady decline in standards is nevertheless persuasive. It also chimes with the experience of those whose job it is to sift school-leavers. Prospective employers and university admissions tutors have reported a growing inability to use appropriate English among many otherwise gifted students. It was trend noted by Sir Ron Dearing in his recent report on the

education of 16 to 19-year-olds. Uncomfortably for ministers, the decline in standards charted by the Cambridge study coincides with the Tories' term in office. The Conservatives cannot altogether escape responsibility for the deterioration. The decision to adopt the GCSE was meant to end the damaging divide between O level and CSE, increasing the number of schoolleavers who had first-class qualifications without eroding quality. But ministers, anxious to boast of ever greater numbers clutching ever more qualifications, have

been ineffective stewards of standards. The problem has not been inadequate resources. Spending on education has risen, and continues to rise, handsomely. The problem, only addressed recently, has been inadequate external scrutiny of what goes on in classrooms. The combination of published test results and the vigorous efforts of Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, have ensured that a more detailed picture of educational achievement is now available. The connection between traditional teaching and educational excellence has become transparent. Motivated middleclass parents such as Harriet Harman and Cherie Blair have drawn the appropriate conclusions by sending their children to schools which make a virtue out of conservative classroom values.

The opposition to tests and inspection so vehemently expressed by the NUT's militant membership is the melancholy roar of the dinosaur scenting its own extinction. Progressive methods adopted for ideological reasons are being exposed as the enemy of achievement. The more extensive the examination of the effects of progressive teaching, the more comprehensive the failure appears and the more threatened its advocates feel. Since the Sixties the orthodoxy in college education departments has been opposed to the assertion of authority. Freedom of expression rather than clarity of meaning has been preferred. It has been considered inappropriate cultural imperialism to impose Standard English and enforce rules of grammar. The consequence is a generation of pupils sold short and a conference of teachers caught on the

It is neither patronising nor middle-class to insist on clear English and elegant expression. If talented pupils, from whatever background, are to make the most of their abilities, in any field, they will need to communicate confidently in formal language. Knowing the rules need not sap the vitality of their expression, nor cripple their creativity. Indeed, some of Britain's finest writers, from Burns to Hardy, are equally at home in couthy vernacular or the King's English. The best service that teachers could perform for the next generation of GCSE students is an acknowledgement that traditional teaching is the best preparation for the demands of the modern age.

THE WHITEWATER BOOK

There were some crooked men who had some crooked land

The citizens of Washington are eager, even greedy, consumers of political tracts. The most recent sensation in the American capital is Blood Sport, an analysis of business transactions conducted by the Climtons in the now-less-far-off-than-before when it is published here shortly. So it days when the President was Governor of Arkansas and his wife was a partner in the

state's Rose Law Firm: The book has an odd history. The author, James B. Stewart, is a writer of repute who won a Pulitzer Prize for his investigation into Wall Street in the 1980s. The idea that he should turn to Whitewater came from Susan Thomases, a close confidante of Hillary Clinton. It was implied that if he took the commission, unique co-operation from the Clintons would follow. He did take the commission; yet the cooperation did not follow.

Mr Stewart's work has been greeted with enormous interest and multiple interpretation. As he found nothing that proves the Clintons knowingly engaged in illegal activities, it has been hailed by the White House as vindication. Critics, however, note that the evidence presented indicates everything short of an indictment. It is impossible to believe now that the Clintons have been properly forthcoming in previous statements on the affair. To describe Mrs Clinton, especially, as having been economiwal with the truth would be economical with

The lack of a solid conclusion is more to do with the subject matter than the author's efforts. Of its type it is a masterful example. In more than 450 pages the complexities of the multiple land deals involving 230 acres of land in northwest Arkansas are outlined.

But the lines between criminal conspiracy, ethical complicity and political culpability are just sufficiently blurred to keep the presidency alive.

The book will excite considerable attention should. The cast of characters is strong and the roles played suit our expectations. The President comes over as an amiable but financially careless playboy: Mrs Clinton is the obsessed, scheming and driven figure, periodically brilliant and then naive. The Arkansas players from the bumbling Jim McDougal through to the tragic figure of Vince Foster come straight from central cas-

In the end what Mr Stewart outlines is a simple story. This was a get-rich-quick scheme that did not deliver riches. During the effort to extricate themselves from it the Clintons engaged in numerous actions that were, at best, ethically improper, which they frequently misrepresented and stonewalled as the press moved in. Mrs Clinton may have been smart enough to stay just the right side of the law; but both of them were stupid to have touched the project in the first place and even more stupid to conceal their affairs later. The original motive was money; the second motive was political survival.

Blood Sport certainly does not settle Whitewater nor is it likely to diminish interest in it, much to the discomfort of the Oval Office in an election year. Whether it will prove to be the final instalment will depend on the report of the independent counsel, Kenneth Starr, due this autumn. Washington political enthusiasts can hardly wait. They are not alone.

FUNERAL BLUES

How to leave this world with a spring in your step

For the man whose elegant Requiem has heard, a sure sign of the passing of a been played at countless funerals since its composition, Giuseppe Verdi's last will was an unduly austere one: "I direct that I be given a modest funeral, either at sunrise or at sunset, with no pomp, no singing, no music." But the singularity of his preference is brought into ever sharper relief by the manner in which many modern British funerals are conducted. As we report today, singing and music are a funerary staple, and a well-loved friend, colleague or relative is nowadays seldom bid goodbye without a rousing contemporary tune of some sort at

his funeral service. This style of musical viaticum, however, tends to involve more than just the occasional eccentric rendering of When the Saints Go Marchin' In or Frank Sinatra's My Way. Increasingly, British funerals are rancous affairs, with tunes plucked straight from Music Television (MTV), Radio I and that long-running programme with the stamina of a Spanish bull. Top of the Pops. the last "you" stretched by the Soul Queen to lung-bursting length - is a frequent favourite, outranked in the funeral charts only by Smoke Gets in Your Eyes. Simon and Garfunkel — now played more often at funerals than on MTV — are also widely generation. This predilection for a pop farewell, which

would seem to give new meaning to the phrase "to turn in one's grave", should be greeted with enthusiasm. There can be no rigid formula for the music at a funeral: after all, there are no real rules except that the deceased be dead. Requiem Masses by classical composers are but a matter for musical preference. Meathoaf, if he captures the tristesse of the assembled throng, is just as valid as Mozart - and who is to say that Fauré, and not Fairport Convention, is more the stuff of a burial?

Yet for all the modern musical incursions, the most moving funeral of a recently deceased public figure was that of John Smith, who was given a traditional Scottish kirk farewell: few who were present can have heard music more haunting than the solo rendition in Gaelic of the 23rd Psalm. But others, of less Scottish cut, may prefer John Coltrane, or Guantanamera, or something of Bob Dylanesque intensity like Blowin' in the Wind or Just like a Woman. In truth, the music one chooses for one's funeral is a little like making a selection of sounds for the great desert island in the sky: Imagine there's no heaven, It's easy if you try ...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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pressure to reform

From Mr Anthony D. Jones

Sir, Graham Scarjeant's article on competition in the water industry (Water, water everywhere, but not much competition", Business, April 1) is not only well researched and well argued, it should be required reading for politicians of every hue. If the lessons of gas are there to be learnt, why should not those who would reform the water industry learn them?

What is not generally recognised is that a mechanism for competition in the bulk supply of water and the treatment of effluent does exist: the appointment, brokered by a third party. of a competing company to supply cer-tain customers within an existing company's area. This enables the Director-General of Ofwat to determine a fair price for the supply of water servi-ces to a large site and to insist that these services are provided to the broker.

The latter then sells them on to the user at a small (and regulated) profit, with no change in infrastructure. The director-general is charged with the duty to facilitate competition in the industry and has the legal mechanism

My company, which has made !! of the brokered applications that the director-general is now considering. with many more in preparation, awaits the implementation of this policy with bated breath. None of Graham Searjeant's valid reservations about common carriage or responsibility for quality are involved.

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY D. JONES (Director), Enviro-Logic Ltd. 42-46 Weymouth Street, WI.

From Mr B. M. Nonhebel

Sir, At a superficial level Mr Gummer's decision to open up the market for water supplies to competition, albeit only for the custom of large consumers (report, April 2), sounds welcome. However, his proposal raises serious questions.

If implementation means the movement of water over watersheds, as 1 presume it must, then river flows and water tables are likely to be affected. For instance, abstraction of water from the headwaters of the Thames basin to serve the catchment area of Southern Water might be expected to reduce amenity through direct and indirect effects on rivers already under stress, such as the Wey or the Mole.

What procedures, if any, is Mr Gummer proposing to introduce to limit such extra-market consequences?

Yours faithfully, B. M. NONHÉBEL, Shalden, Aiton, Hampshire. April 4.

Asthma costs

From the Chief Executive of the National Asthma Campaign

Sir, Attempts to reduce the soaring financial and human costs of asthma have been severely hit by today's rise in prescription charges to £5.50.

Most people with asthma need to take regular preventive medication; fewer attacks mean fewer hospitalisations and fewer deaths. Yet a new survey carried out for the National Asthma Campaign shows that one in eight people with asthma have on occasion been unable to afford all the medicines they have been prescribed.

The Government tells us that at least 80 per cent of the population qualify for free prescriptions. But many people on low incomes do not fall into any of the supported categories. Our survey has revealed that 50 per cent of the population has never heard of the "season ticket" for prescriptions, which is cost-effective for anyone using more than 14 prescriptions a year, and that the required lump sum payment of £78.40 for a year (£28.50 for four months) commonly puts it out of reach of those

The pre-payment scheme should be vigorously promoted and put within the reach of those for whom the Government says it was designed by the introduction of a spread payment option.

Yours faithfully, MELINDA LETTS, Chief Executive, National Asthma Campaign, Providence House, Providence Place, NJ. April I.

who need it most.

Women prisoners

From Mr Colin J. Edwards

Sir, Your report of April 2 on conditions in Holloway prison will have appalled many of your readers.

Women immates are widely believed to be more difficult than men. However; other establishments address this problem with greater SUCCESS

From my experience over the past five years of the female wings of HMP Winchester and HMP Brockhill, I can assure your readers that women prisoners in these jails are treated with dignity and respect at all times.

Yours faithfully, COLIN J. EDWARDS (Vice-Chairman, Board of Visitors, HIMP Brockwill). 25 Wannerton Road. Blakedown, Worcestershire.

Water firms under Birth of a nation in the Caucasus

Sir. Having visited Nagomo-Kara-bakh 27 times during the past four years. I greatly appreciated your report of April 3 on the birth of this rebel Armenian enclave" as a new I have seen the suffering of the

Armenians of Karabakh at first hand, when they were blockaded, bombarded and besieged by Azerbaijan. I was in Stepanakert in 1992 when up to 400 Grad missiles rained down every day: and, later in the war, I witnessed merciless aerial bombardment of civilians by Azeri hombers. The 150,000 Armenians of Kara-

bakh have been defending their historic land against seven-million-strong Azerbaijan, assisted by Turkey. They now occupy a buffer zone in Azerbaijan and have generally been labelled "aggressors". This is unjust they had no alternative, when the Azeris broke ceasefires, and continued to shell towns and villages,

The evidence shows that it is Azerbaijan which has been the primary aggressor, with its policy of systematic deportations in 1991, its

belongs to China is surely that of 19thcentury colonialism.

Civil and Political Rights?

virtue of that right they freely deter-mine their political status and freely

As William Rees-Mogg makes very plain today ("The dragon lashes out"), the Chinese Government has enough

4 North East Circus Place. Edinburgh 3. the majority will work solely to meet

particular engineering, to promote themselves as careers demanding both intellectual rigour and breadth of knowledge. By choosing both A and AS levels, in technical and non-technical subjects, students will have greater variety in their career choices. Engineering, for example, will not be seen in terms of

istry", but will open up the possibility of languages and economics. We need to stress to younger children the importance of expectations. Tell them they need just two A levels (or less) to go to university, and

just "double maths, physics and chem-

basis for long-term national prosper

Active elderly

From Mr Richard Worsley

Sir, Mr Lucas Mellinger's suggestion fletter. April 41, in response to my letter of March 29, that people in their third age should "vacate" an overcrowded work scene is a dangerous one. It ignores:

the inability of most of them to afford to do so; the benefits to the health of older

people and thus the economy of maintaining an active life and postponing dependency on others; their inability to blossom (as Mr Mellinger suggests) if they are ex-cluded not only from work but also from learning and voluntary work simply on grounds of their age: their potential contribution to the mounting costs of pensions and benefits for the growing numbers of retired people — which will otherwise fall

Yours faithfully, RICHARD WORSLEY (Director), Carnegie Third Age Programme, 3 Robert Street, WC2.

more and more heavily on those at

Watch the birdie

From Mr W. Henry Walton

Sir. Even on April 1. Matthew Parris should not mislead science students who have school examinations in the offing. Methane in the air does not cause either canaries or men to keel over unless it explodes.

After an explosion or fire in a mine canaries succumb much more rapidly than men to high levels of poisonous carbon monoxide (CO) in the "afterdamp", thus giving miners timely warning to escape. But canaries can tolerate longer exposures to low concentrations of CO than can men.

Yours faithfully. W. H. WALTON,

Inveresk, Musselburgh, Lothian.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046. its first use of Grad rockets and its unilateral use of aerial bombardment of civilian targets and ground-to-air missiles, detonated over Stepanakert.

blockade of Armenia and Karabakh,

Azeri aggression preceded this war: Shusha, which you describe as "predominantly Azerbaijani", was a centre of Armenian culture until the 1920s. when the Azeris massacred and drove out the Armenians. Given all they have suffered at the hands of Azerbaijan, the Armenians of Karabakh can never again accept Azeri sover-eignty, and should not be expected to do so.

These Armenians are suffering from the clash between the principles of territorial integrity and self-determination. But in this case, the territorial boundaries were drawn maliciously by Stalin; they have no integrity and the Armenians' case for self-determi-nation is justified by a need for survival, underpinned by historical ex-

Yours faithfully. CAROLINE COX. House of Lords. April 3.

With respect,

scrutiny.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN PAPWORTH (Editor).

From Mr Christopher F. Smith

Sir. The Ambassador of the People's

Republic of China writes that "it is the

sacred right of each and every

sovereign state and a fundamental principle of international law to

safeguard national unity and terri-

torial integrity". If his argument is

applied to Tibet - an independent

state before it was invaded by the People's Republic — it does not stand

CHRISTOPHER F. SMITH,

Fourth World Review, 24 Abercorn Place, NW8.

world peace over an island 200 miles China's neighbours from its shores. We are not going to From the Editor of Fourth World solve the problems of the 21st century by adopting postures which did no great credit to the 19th.

Sir. The Chinese Ambassador's declaration (letter, March 28) that Taiwan

If the people of Taiwan are not to determine their own future, whatever the proclivities of warlord-riven China's past empire-building imperialism, what is the force of the United Nations International Covenant on

Since China is a member of the UN the ambassador will doubtless be aware that in that covenant it is quite explicitly stated that "all peoples have the right of self-determination. By pursue their economic, social and cultural development".

to worry about without threatening

Creative engineering

From the Director General of the

Institution of Mechanical Engineers

Sir. Sir Ron Dearing's proposals on

education (letters, April 2) provide an

this requirement. Compare this to Singapore, where those seeking a professional career take four A levels as well as general studies and English or Mandarin. The skills level of the population must be raised to provide a solid

However, the new examinations for those not taking A levels are surely questionable in their current format. Multiple-choice answers do not bring out communication and creativity, which are the very characteristics that differentiate the best economies from

Yours faithfully, RICHARD A. PIKE, Director General, Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Birdcage Walk, SWI. April 6.

Saudi dissident

From Mr R. G. H. Morris

Sir, For people like myself who have lived and worked in the Middle and Far East, as well as the Indian subcontinent, neither your report of April 2 on Saudi pressure for Britain to expel the dissident Dr Muhammad al-Masari nor the BBC's Panorama on the previous evening recognises that most countries in the area do not have a culture anything like that of the West - nor do they wish to, yet.

When living in those countries (and in many Western countries, too) you have to recognise that you are a guest, and that if you break their laws you can rightly be penalised.

Torn King made the point clearly on Panorama that Dr Masari has not observed such rules as a guest in Britain. If he feels threatened by the prospect of living in the Caribbean, then he might feel more secure elsewhere. Either way, he should not use Britain as a base for causing dissension in other countries.

Yours faithfully. ROBIN MORŘIS, Rushford, Melling, Carnforth, Lancashire.

From Mr B. J. M. Dally

Sir, Why on earth do we not just say to Dr Masari that he will be allowed to stay in this country as a political refugee provided that while he remains here he ceases his campaign against the Government of Saudi Arabia?

Such an arrangement would not prejudice our reputation as an asylum for genuine political refugees, but it should not put at risk valuable defence contracts nor cause the loss of thousands of jobs. Such a proposal was made by Tom King in the Panorama programme, which otherwise demonstrated, once again, that when national interests clash with a media "coup", those interests come a very poor second.

Yours faithfully. B. J. M. DALLY. Old Coastguard House. 48 Westfield Road, Lymington, Hampshire. April 2

Meeting needs of the adopted child

From the Director of British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering

Sir. The focus on the welfare of the child in your leading article. "Children first" (March 29), is welcome; and social workers would applaud your emphasis on the right of children to receive "permanent love and affection". However, I would challenge the weight you give to the loving intentions" of prospective adopters and the ease with which you condemn the

attitude of many local authorities. The vast majority of children for whom we are now seeking adoptive homes are not babies and have experienced much rejection and sadness in their short lives. Despite their yearning to be part of a "normal" family, they do not easily adjust to living with new parents and to the easy reciprocity of giving and receiving affection which is the foundation stone of making new relationships. A relatively high proportion of these intended adoptions do not survive, and far too many children return to public care and yet another attempt to find them that elusive permanence.

We cannot afford to take risks with these vulnerable children's lives, and social workers take very seriously their responsibility to assess the strengths of prospective adopters. It is understandable that disappointed applicants will often pinpoint only one of several reasons given to them for their rejection; and if the case attracts public attention, social workers are unable to explain the position more fully because of their duty of confidentiality.

Of course mistakes will occasionallybemade, and I welcome both the chief inspector's emphasis on proper training and supervision for adoption workers and also the inclusion in the draft Bill of an independent complaints procedure. Please let us remember, however, that adoption is a service for children and not a service for couples who are sadly unable to have children of their own.

Yours sincerely, FELICITY COLLIER, Director, British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering. Skyline House, 200 Union Street, SE1. April 2.

From Mrs Jean Reid

Sir. I am saddened by the reference in your report (March 29) on the draft Bill on adoption to "children, particularly babies, available (sic) for adoption". When adoption is, or should be. service to the child, I suggest we should write - and speak - of chil-

dren needing adoptive homes. The expression "available for adoption", which has continued to be used over the years, perpetuates the impression of adoption as being a service to would-be adopters. It is not, though the needs of the child may meet the needs of the parents; success will be due to the recognition of those mutual

Yours truly.
JEAN REID. 4 Beeston Fields Drive, Beeston, Nottinghamshire.

Car curb dropped

From Mr N. G. Walker

April 3.

Sir. Your report (later editions, April 2) that the Government is to drop its plans to curb car use for fear of offending voters depressingly confirms what I have believed for some time: that it regards such voters as illinformed, unintelligent and selfish, and certainly unable to accept the unanswerable arguments put forward by the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution.

Yours faithfully. N. G. WALKER, Stockwell Farm, 17 High Street, Haddenham, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

Life in the fast lane From Mr David Oborn

Sir, Chris Ward reports in Interface (March 27) that Nokia has launched a "mobile communications device". He quotes a senior member of the company as saying: "People want to work online, independent of place, office hours and working days. In support of this the executive cites

his own experience of receiving a fax whilst skiing down an Austrian mountain, riding the chairlift back to the summit, and sending an e-mail

Surely one of us has taken leave of his senses?

Yours sincerely. D. OBORN, Ellondale, Old Shaw Lane. Swindon, Wiltshire.

Slow, slow, quick . . .

From Mr R. A. Miller

Sir, Now that Cranwell is to teach RAF recruits to waltz (report, April 8), how will they respond to the call-sign "Foxirot. Tango. Over and Out"?

Yours faithfully, ROBIN MILLER, 192 Devonport Road. Stoke, Plymouth, Devon.

COURT CIRCULAR

ST JAMES'S PALACE April 8: The Prince of Wales today visited Fife and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (the Earl of

Elgin and Kincardine). His Royal Highness this morning visited the Forth Bridge, North Queensferry, and was briefed on the current

programme of repairs.
The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, afterwards visited the Foyer Project in the old West Bridge Mill, Bridge Street, Kirkcaldy. saw an exhibition of the work of the Trust

with young people in Fife. His Royal Highness, President, Scottish Business in the Community, this afternoon visited the Tryst Community Centre, Abbeyview Estate, Dunfermline, and met members of the local community and business leaders who are setting up a programme of practical support for the

The Prince of Wales later visited Culross and toured the Abbey Church and National Trust for Scotland properties. including the Study and Culross Palace.

Today's royal engagements

Prince Edward, as Patron of Haddo Arts Trust, will attend the first night of the Haddo House Choral and Operatic Society's 50th anniversary production of Othello at Haddo House Hall, Aberdeenshire, at 7.00.

Lord Cooke of Thorndon

The life barony conferred upon the Right Hon Sir Robin Brunskill Cooke, KBE, has been gazefied by the name, style and title of Baron Cooke of Thorndon, of Wellington in New Zealand and of Cambridge in the County of Cambridgeshire.

Olivier's gift to Leigh for auction

A painting Laurence Olivier gave to his wife Vivien Leigh as a love token two years after they married in 1940 is expected to sell for about £250,000 at Sotheby's in London

on May 16. Vivien Leigh was then at the height of her fame after winning an Oscar as Scarlett O'Hara in Gone With The Wind. Olivier bought the picture. A Farewell to Mayo by Jack Butler Yeats, in a selling exhibition at the National

Church of Scotland

The Rey Jack Mitchell from Menzieshill, Dundee. The Rev William Shackleton from Wellpark West, Greenock.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Scott, Duke of Monmouth, illegitimate son of King Charles II, Rotterdam. Isambard Kingdom Brunel, engineer. Portsmouth, 1806; Charles Baudelaire. poet, Paris, 1821; Léon Blum, Prime Minister of France 1936-37 and 1938, Paris, 1872: Paul Robeson, singer and actor, Princeton, New Jersey, 1898; Hugh Gaitskell, leader of the Labour Party 1955-63, London, 1906; Sir Robert Helpmann, ballet dancer and choreographer, Mount Gam-bia, South Australia. 1909.

DEATHS: King Edward IV, reigned 1461-70 and 1471-83, London, 1483: Lorenzo de Medici (The Magnificent), Careggi, Italy, 1402: François Rabelais, writer and physician, Paris, 1553; Francis Bacon, Viscount St Albans, Lord Chancellor 1618-21, London. 1626: Dante Gabriel Rossetti, Pre-Raphaelite poet and painter, Birchington-on-Sea, Kent. 1882: Mrs Patrick Campbell. actress, Pau, France, 1940; Dr C.E.M. Joad, civil servant, author and controversialist. Hampstead, 1953; Frank Lloyd Wright, architect, Phoenix, Arizona, 1959.

General Robert E. Lee capitulated to General Grant at Appomattax Court House, Virginia, 1865.

The Hudson Bay Company ceded its territory to Canada, Germany invaded Denmark

and Norway, 1940.

Today's birthdays

Mr Severiano Ballesteros, golfer, 39: Lord Justice Simon Brown, 59: Mr Eric Clarke. MP. 63: Sir Brian Cubbon. civil servant. 68: Lord Deramore, 85; Mr lain Duncan Smith, MP, 42: the Most Rev Domenico Enrici, former Apostolic Nuncio, 87; Mr Robson Fisher, former Headmaster, Bryanston School, 75; Lord Fitt, 70; Viscount Gage, 62: Miss Hannah Gordon, ac-

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designer, 42: Mr Peter Moores, former chairman, Littlewoods Organisation, 64; Mr Vincent O'Brien, racehorse trainer, 74: Sir Michael Ogden, QC, 70; Sir Michael Palliser, former Head of the Diplomatic Service, 74: Mr Carl Perkins, rock singer and guitarist, 64; Sir Michael Richardson, former chair-man, Smith New Court, 71; Professor K.G. Robbins, senior Vice-Chancellor, University of Wales, 56; Mr Martin Rogers, former Chief Master. King Edward's School. Birmingham, 65; Miss Valerie Singleton, broadcaster, 59; Mr Michael Somare, CH, first Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, 60; Professor D.M. Walker, QC, 76; Mr B.H. Weston, former chairman, Manweb. 66: Mr Frank Yardley, racehorse trainer, 53; Miss Frieda Young, diplomat, 83; Sir Richard Young, industrialist 82



On parade in the park

BIG crowds watched as the London Harness Horse Parade yesterday celebrated its return to Battersea Park with a perfect day. The parade, an amalgamation of the London Cart Horse Parade and the London Van Horse Parade. came back last year to Battersea where the first cart horse parade was held on Whit Monday, 1885. The van horse parade started in 1904 and had a record number of exhibits - 1,259 - in 1914. For many years both parades were held in Regent's Park. After the Second World War entries declined and rades amalgamated in 1966. Horses, ponies, owners and drivers turned out in good numbers vesterday.



Rowena McDermott takes the reins of Dolly and Violet, two percherons, pulling a Shand Mason steam fire engine built for Lord Shaftesbury in 1908

Discore of Abranton and Orksey Eleanor Morson has been dained deacon at St Olafs, Kirk-wall. She takes up a non stipendiary post as Assistant Deacon at St Olaf's.

Appointments lan Malcolm Thompson, pre-viously Bishop's Chaplain, Central Buchan Charge, is now Rector of St. Mary's, Carden Place,

Ruth Tait has been appointed to a short-term ministry at St Michael's Dufftown, from Easter.

Scottish Episcopal Church

A. Emsley Nimmo, Rector of St Diocese of St Andrew, Dunkeld Margaret's, Gallowgate, Aber-Margaret's, Gallowgate, Aberdeen, is now a Canon of St Andrew's Cathedral. Kenneth Gordon, Rector of St Devertick's, Bieldside and Canon

of St Andrew's Cathedral, has been elected Synod Clerk of the Diocese. Diocese of Moray, Ross and Ordination

Heather Susan Widdows has been ordained deacon at St Maelrubha's, Poolewe. She is appointed Honorary Assistant Deacon at St Maelrubha's.

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John Malcolm Richardson, Canon of St Ninian's Cathedral and previously Rector of St Mary's ewport-on-Tay, is now Rector of St John's, Fortar,

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Alexander Montgomerie has been ordained priest in St Andrew's

(NS) at St Andrew's Irvine and St

Jim Bale has been granted a warrant to officiate in the diocese

Allan G. Boyd, previously assistant priest at St John's Greenock, is now assistant priest (NS) at St Barnabas and Holy Trinity. Paisley.

John Bain Penman, former curate at St Ninian's Pollockshields, has resigned and moved to Christ the Saviour, Ealing. Fulham Diocese.

Church news

Appointments

Canon Trevor McCabe, Vicar, Manaccan w St Anthony-in-Meneage and St Martin-in-Meneage (Truro): to be Archdeacon of Cornwall, same

The Very Rev Robert Jeffery, Dean of Worcester, is to be Canon Residentiary and Sub-Dean of the Cathedral Church of Christ Church, Oxford, succeeding the Right Rev Ronald Gordon, who The Very Rev Trevor Beeson,

formerly Dean of Winchester: to be The Rev Malcolm Bowers, Vicar, St Blazey: to be also Rural Dean of St Austell (Truro).

The Rev Simon Burton-Jones, Curate, St Peter, Darwen W Hoddiesden (Blackburn): to be Curate, Biggin Hill (Rochester). The Rev George Fleming, Vicar, St Bartholomew, Holmer w St Mary Magdalene, Huntington (Her-eford): to be Priest-in-charge, St

Peter, Worfield, same diocese. The Rev Paul Foster, Curate, New Clee (Lincoln): to be Priest-in-charge, Aldington w Bonnington and Bilsington (Canterbury). The Rev Jacqueline Fox, Senior Further Education Officer for the liocese of London: to be Rector, St

Mary's, Acton, same diocese. Canon Peter Goodridge, Director of Education for the diocese of Truro: to be also Residentiary Canon Librarian at the Cathedral of St Mary, Truro.

Prebendary Tim Gouldstone, Director of Lay Training and Priest-in-charge. Lamorran and Merther and St Michael. Penkivel (Truro): to be also Rural Dean of

The Rev Victor Howlett, Hon Curare, St Manhew w St Nathanael. Kingsdown, and St Michael and All Angels, Bishopston: to be Curate of that benefice and the parish of

Greater Corsham (Bristol). The Rev Peter Law, Vicar. Chineham, Christ Church (Winchester): to be Vicar, Luton, St Hugh, Lewsey (St Albans). The Rev Stephen Mather, Team vicar, St Nicholas, Sutton: to be Vicar, St. John the Evangelist Abram, and St James and Elizabeth, Bickershaw (Liverpool). The Rev Brian McQuillen, Vicar,

Gloucester, St. George (Gloucester): to be Vicar, St Martin w East and West Looe (Truro). The Rev Kevin O'Donnell, permission to officiate, diocese Ox-ford: to be Chaplain at Heathfield hool, Ascot, same diocese. The Rev Richard Peckham, Vicar.

Ilfracombe Team Ministry: 10 be Vicar, Sid Valley Team Ministry The Rev Colin Pope, Vicar, St Luke, Orrell: to be Vicar, Emmanuel, Southport (Liverpool). Marcham w Garford and Rural Dean of Abingdon: to be Rector, St Mary's, Henley on Thames (Oxford).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Harold Coddrington-Clarke, Vicar, St John, Blindley Heath (Southwark): to retire Octobeт 23.

The Rev Thomas Collett-White, Priest-in-charge, Clerkenwell St James (London): to resign August

The Rev Norman Davies, Vicar, St Mark w St Margaret. Plumstea (Southwark): to retire May J. Canon Jeremy Harrold, Vicar, and Rural Dean of Stowmarket, and an Honorary Canon of St Edmundsbury Cathedral (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to

retire October 1. The Rev Frank Potter, Priest-In-charge, Badwell Ash (St Edmundsbury and ipswich): to retire September 30.

University news

New research grants and contracts accepted by the members of the departments named include the

Dr A Basu (Economics), £86,590 from the Economic and Social Research Council - South Asian entrepreneurship in Britain: determinants and dynamics. Professor G M Megson (Computer Science), £116,317 from the EPSRC

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ies), 1141,260 from the EPSRC multi dimensional upwinding and grid adaptation for conservation aws at the ICFD. Dr B L Evans (Physics), £73,444 from the EPSRC — a regular array

cles and its role in thin film magneto electronic devices. Professor G N Fisher (Construction Management & Engineering), Eli9,112 from the EPSRC — a

clients' project definition tool. Dr J P Wann (Psychology). £245,230 from the EPSRC - level of detail in Interactive 3D environ-ments to enable effective database

Professor K A Browning and Professor A J Thorpe (Meteorol-ogy). £108,257 from the NERC — deep propopause folding and its relationship to severe weather. Dr P J Valdes (Meteorology), £105,025 from the NERC - modelling dimatic change during the last glacial/interglacial cycle.

I'mm other hadies Professor F P McKenna (Psychology), £147,127 from the Automobile

Association — men and women car drivers - their role in key accident factors. Dr D C Mason (Environmental

System Science Centre - Geography), £94,994 from the British National Space Centre — intertidal elevation models using sutellite datu.

Ms N Garnett (Construction Management & Engineering), E168,115 from the Department of the Environment — cost of ownership through integrated logistic

Professor G N Fisher (Construction Management & Engineering). E126,082 from the Department of the Environment - Link (IDAC): a clients' project definition tool.

Mr C G Guy and Dr J R Miles (Engineering) with the Teaching Company Centre. £80.120 from the Department of Trade and Industry's Teaching Company Scheme. Dr R Davies and Mr J G Brennan (Food Science and Technology) with the Teaching Company Centre, £152,960 from the Department of Trade and Industry's Teaching Company Scheme.

Professor A Swinbank (Agricultural Economics and Manage ment). £86,080 from the European Commission — quality policy and consumer behaviour.

Professor M Coleman (Postgraduate Research Institute for Sedimentology), E171.200 from the European Commission - quantitative risked prediction of carbonate scale in HP/HT hostile hydrocarbon reservoirs for best practice production management. Dr S A Booth (Economics), £138,334 from the European Commission Tempus (Tacis) — creation of model centre for agricultural

enterprise and revisions Dr J M Ames (Food Science and

Technology), £71,592 from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisherles and Food — Link agro-food quality: cooked polato aroma and (COUNT) Professor C J Garforth (Agri-

cultural Extension and Rural Dev-elopment), £85,000 from Natural Resources Institute — support to the Institute of Natural Resources for Institutional Development (Republic of South Africa), Professor J D H Keatinge (Agri-

culture), E229,190 from the Over-seas Development Administration - Hillsides systems programme adaptability of cover crops.

Professor P G Whitehead (Geography), £73,500 from Thames Wat-

er Utilities Ltd — environmental impact studies on the River Kennet. Dr J Bignell (English), £135,167 from the British Academy — BBC Wednesday Play - research

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Pepman) and David, at The Repman) and David, at The Rose Materally Houster, on 30th March 1996. I daughter. Martha Grace, a mass for Janute. triee Layton), give thanks to God for the birth of their daughter Verity Sophie Layton, a sister for Eleanor on 26th March 1996.

CLANEE/ROWE - On aim April 1996, to Saily and Steve. a daughter. Elia Facció. Har for Num. HARRIS - On March 14th 1996, at The Simpson Memorial Maternity Pavilion, Edinburgh. to Christina (Brooke) and Richard. a son. Samuel James Ethard.

DEATHS

ABEL-SMITH Brian.
Professor at Locaton School of Economics, after a short times, on 4th April 1995.
Dear brother of Lionel and beloved by all his many friends and colleagues.
Cremation at Charing bromstorium, per Autoria. Kent on Friday 12th April at-3.15 pm Enguires to J.H. Kenyon Ltd., (ci: (0171) 834. 4624. Merceria Messes in London to be announced

BUTLER - Edward Charles
Leslie born 1909 in
Portsmouth. Died on April
3rd. peacefully, after a short
illness in hospital in
Tiverton, Dear husband of
Dorothy, good father and
grandfather of Philip. Nick.
Flum and Leo.

CHALKE - (née Longman of North Lezze). On 6th April 1996, in Submany Hamila. After a thort diness, Mary aged 57 years of Mere. Wife of David and mother of James, Josephine and Claire. Funeral Service at Mere Parish Church, on Friday 12th April at 2 pm. Flowers and continue to time Sec. Water Street, Mera, Wills. Tel: (01747) 860 361.

CHRISTIE - On Saturday 6th April 1996, at the age of 95. Lucie Catherine, daughter of the laie T.P. LeFanu of County Wickiew, Ireland, widow of J.T. Christie, sometime Head Mester of Replon and Westminster and Principal of Jesus College, Oxford, mother of Catherine Porteous and Jame Darwin and much loved grandmother, Funeral at Great Henny Church, near Sudbury, Suffolk, at 2,30 p.m. on Friday 12th April, Enquiries to H. Darke (01787) 451138.

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ESSLEMONT - On March
29th Nancy Molly of Staines.
Middleser, died peacefully in
Ashford Hospital. Funeral
Service to be held al 10 am al
Our Lady of the Rosary.
Slaines. followed by
cremation 11.15 am at
Hanworth Crematorium on
Monday April 15th.
Enquiries Lodge Bros., tri:
(01784) 2502226.

GODDARD-JACKSON Frank pencefully at home on 4th April 1996. Funeral service and internent at Mary's Church. Duddington on Friday 12th April at 3:30pm.

MONTAGU DOUGLAS SCOTT - On 4th April. Rachel widow of Lord William Montagu Douglas Scott and daughter of 13th Earl of Home. Suddenly and peacefully at home. Pusseral service at 12.50 on Wednesday. 10th April at Holy Trialty Church. Matruse. Crematica. Privats. on Thursday.

MORRIS - On 8th April peacefully at home. Michael Freeborn aged 63 years. Seloved husband of Soe and loving father of Nicola Andrew, and Richard and a dear grandfather. Funeral Monday April 15th, at Al Saints Church. Bifners. at 11.45 am followed by private cremation. No flowers please. Donations to Dr. A. Makepeace. Crititers Hospital, London Road, Creat Missenden. HP16 0EN for Chemother agy Research.

MURRANT - Geoffrey Noet Archer, On April 3rd after a courageous fight against cancer. Devoted husband of Eleanor (Pai), dearly loved faither of Carol and adored grandhather of Nerron and Victoria. Funeral Bervice at All Saints Church, Grange Road, Eastbourne on Monday 18th April at 12 noon, followed by private remailton. Family flowers only but donations if desired to St Wilfride Hospice. Eastbourne. Eaquiries to Haine & Son Ltd., 19 South Street. Eastbourne 01325 727801.

ORTON - Muriel, widow of Ernest tex K.A.R.1 on Erd April in Harare. Loving mother and grandmother of Teresa. Eandra and John and their fundles. Funeral in Harare followed by Mamorial and interment of ashes, in irriend.

PEEL - On Murch 19th 1996. Elizabeth Mary (Betty) wife of George Frederick Peel. Crumation has laken place.

VAUCHAM - Mary, on 8th Arti. deopher of the late Mary's Hilds Vaughan of Blackladies. Funeral at St Mary's R.C. Church, Brewood on 15th Arti at 2.30pm. Family flowers IN MEMORIAM -

MUMRO KERR - John Martine on Easter Sunday at Durnfries Infirmary, beloved busband of Delia, faither of Alson and Simon grandfather of Stephanie. Claudia and Tabatha and great-grandfather of Charlotte and Jame. Funeral at Catebouse, on Friday 12th April at 11.30. Family flowers only.

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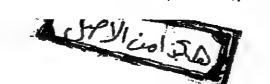
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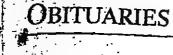
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PROFESSOR BRIAN ABEL-SMITH

. Brian Abel-Smith, Professor of Social Administration at the LSE 1965-91, died from cancer on April 4 aged 69. He was born on November 6, 1926.

RRIAN ABEL-SMITH was an authority on the National Health Service, and the welfare state in general. He had a considerable influence on the thinking of the Labour Party, both in and out of office, particularly in the 1960s and 1970s. He was a serious economic scholar, becoming the principal successor to Richard Titmuss at the LSE, working less intuitively than his mentor, but with technical skill and infectious energy. But he was no theoretical scholar. He believed in applying knowledge and research ngorously in a practical manner, and to this end devoted much of his time to advising politicians.

For thirty years Abel-Smith played a crucial role in developing social policy among moderate left-wing thinkers (he was a lifelong Fabian) and, through his friendship with moderate Conservatives such as Geoffrey Howe, on the Bow Group wing of the Conservatives, In the early 1950s he worked with Timuss on the Guillebaud committee. set up to examine the economics of funding the NHS. This brought him to early prominence. The report reprerented a turning point in political minking both on how much should be spent on healthcare — a service for which demand is infinite — and on how one should measure expenditure. But the report was also an original

academic contribution. Brian Abel-Smith was the second son of Brigadier-General Lionel Abel-Smith, and his wife who came from Ulster. He was thus distantly connected to Sir Henry Abel-Smith, who was married to Queen Mary's niece, Lady May Cambridge. He was educated at Haileybury and Clare College, Cambridge, where he took second-class honours in both parts of the Economics Tripos, and became secretary of the Union Society.

Afterwards he served for three years from 1945 to 1948 in the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, and was ADC to General John Winterton, military governor of the British zone in Austria.

Tall and distinguished in appearance, with adequate means though not rich, Abei-Smith made a striking figure as a young man in the subfusc Labour Party of the early 1950s, to which he gave his allegiance early, partly because of his aversion to his public school. For personal reasons he declined to stand in 1959 for Hugh Dalton's seat in Bishop Auckland.



which was his for the asking, preferring instead to work for Labour principally through the Fabian Society. He was introduced by John Vaizey to

Richard Titmuss, and served with the latter from 1953 to 1955 as assistant on the Guillebaud committee, looking into the finances of the NHS. He and Titmuss became friends, but they also complemented each other perfectly as scholars. Abel-Smith had a purely economic background, whereas Timuss came from the insurance industry before being appointed to the chair of social administration at the LSE, and therefore also had practical knowledge of the way a business is

Abel-Smith collected the economic evidence for the inquiry and reached the conclusion that the NHS was taking a steadily declining share of the national income - a conclusion that took the wind out of the sails of the Conservative Government which had appointed the committee to seek sav-

was awarded a Cambridge doctorate in 1955 for this pioneering work, which also represented the first attempt to apply national income accounting principles to social expen-diture, and which he had conducted at the National Institute of Economic and Social Research. He then became a

lecturer in Titmuss's department at the

LSE, after Titmuss had taken over the

department of social policy and

administration. .

Abel-Smith was his loyal lieutenant. becoming a Reader in 1961 and Professor in 1965. Titmuss died in harness in 1973, after which Abel-Smith became senior professor in the department, teaching on health policy and social security. He was a brilliant lecturer, always well prepared with a direct and sometimes dramatic manner, and a sense of fun. Though he was occasionally criticised for his frequent absences from professional duties at the LSE, his diligence in research and his attention to his research students won him many admirers in the department. In 1991 he officially retired, but he continued to work at the LSE, helping to set up a research unit called "LSE Health".

Over the years, Abei-Smith pubhished a number of books and research

westare in which he applied the national income techniques he had acquired at the National Institute to international comparisons of healthcare expenditure. This specialisation in the problems of healthcare administration led to his A History of the Nursing Profession (1960) - a book on which, unusually for him, he did not work with a collaborator.

With his Cambridge friend Peter Townsend he had meanwhile undertaken studies of poverty, which he defined as a proportion of the average wage - enlarging the concept so that it encompassed many who would not otherwise have been classified as poor. This work had an effect on Labour thinking, and in the course of this work Richard Crossman came to support the ideas of Tirmuss, Townsend and Abel-Smith. Eventually, in the late 1960s, and as a result of this collaboration. they designed Labour's plans for national superannuation, retirement on half pay indexed for inflation.

Abel-Smith served for two periods, 1968-70 and 1974-78, as special adviser at the Department of Health and Social Security, and worked as fruitfully with Barbara Castle as he had done with Crossman. He was equally well-regarded by his Civil Service colleagues as he was by his political masters. Eventually these labours produced the National Superannuation Act 1975, with its profound effects the national finances, and a significant change in the structure of the welfare state. From 1977 to 1980 he was adviser to the EEC Commissioner

for Social Affairs. Abel-Smith had a natural rapport with politicians, but after 1979 he advised the Labour Party much less. Instead he spent increasingly more time answering calls for advice from overseas governments, particularly in the Pacific Rim. the Third World and Latin America, on welfare and health service issues.

Abel-Smith was a sociable man and a good cook who gave convivial dinner parties for friends at his home in London. He also owned a house in Kent, and there he developed his interest in gardening (on his expeditions abroad he always made a point of visiting the best local gardens). He lived increasingly in the country, sharing his house with a horticultural friend. At one time a peerage was rumoured, and he would have been an ornament to the Upper House. But, disappointingly for his friends, he did not receive more formal recognition for his life's work. He never married.

MAJOR-GENERAL BRIAN DAUNT

Major-General Brian Daunt, CB, CBE, DSO. former General Officer Commanding British troops in Malta, died on March 18 aged 96. He was born on March 16.

BRIAN DAL'NT'S love of the arts led him to develop a new method for instructing army staff - one which caught the attention of Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery, Instead of didactic briefings which sent everyone to sleep. Daunt scripted and produced top secret playlets, which were then enacted before those who needed to know. These included one based on chess which he used at Plymouth while he was a commandant of the Coastal Artillery School.

As news of Daunt's ingenu ity spread through Whitehall. Montgomery commissioned a script on psychological warfare which Daunt helped to lay on at Paris before Nato staff. Monty, who was in the audience, flew a team over to Malta where Daunt was then based, to be briefed on the requirements. A team of interested Oxford dons also visited Daunt, who advised them on how to use drama for teaching purposes — and at which point to release the essential information.

Daunt had won his spurs as a man of action. Second-incommand of an artillery unit at Dunkirk, he went on to lead 142 Field Regiment (Royal Devon Yeomanry) through Italy - taking over after its own colonel had been wounded. Though in peacetime a gentle man. Daunt could not resist personally scrapping with the enemy. He won his DSO at the Voltumo River where, not for the first time, he seized a Tommy gun and blasted away at the Germans — an unusual role for an artillery CO.

He was promoted Brigadier and made Commander Royal Artillery (CRA) of Eighth Army's 1st Armoured Division after the division had been badly mauled while spearheading an attempted break-



through from northeast Italy to the Balkans. He transferred later to the 10th Indian Division and was mentioned in dispatches before being posted to Greece at the end of the war. But despite his fierce military career, Brian Daunt was

a deeply compassionate man. He was the son of a doctor who had forsaken his family properties in Ireland to practise among the poor in London's Docklands. The young Brian was educated at Tonbridge School in Hastings where he first distinguished himself as an athlete, rowing and boxing for the school before winning a place at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich.

Commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1920, he was posted to India for the next ten years, patrolling the North-West Frontier with a mountain battery. He developed a great love of India, learning the frontier dialects so well that he could think in them. He spent many of his leaves trekking in the Himalayas, walking more than 10,000 miles during his time there. He also developed a great attachment to the mule, on whom the battery depended to

drags its guns, and his article In Praise Of Mules was fre-

quently published.

After retiring from the Army as GOC Malta in 1957, Daunt became controller of the home department of the British Red Cross, 1957-66, and for a while also ran the Star and Garter Home at Richmond, Surrey.

A tall, slim, good-looking man, he was known as the general who never raised his voice. A slight elevation of his evebrow was sufficient to denote his extreme displeasure.

In 1938 he married Margaret Balfour, a singer (and descendant of Robert Louis Stevenson) who accompanied herself on the Celtic harp. They shared a great love of music and drama and spent much of his retirement together visiting theatres and concert halls in London and Oxford. At the age of 93 he accompanied her to India where she gave a series of recitals, although he was by then almost totally deaf - a legacy of a thunder of guns during the

Brian Daunt is survived by her and their two daughters. Their only son was killed at the age of five.

PETER BAER

Peter Baer, printmaker and painter, died on March 22 aged.71. He w born on March 28, 1924.

PETER BAER was an artist and teacher who worked with Barbara Hepworth, among other artists, on lithographs of their work. He also made some fine original prints of his

For the best of these, in the

1970s, he drew inspiration from some unlikely sources. Having recently moved to north London, he had become fascinated with the urban landscape around him - the residential streets, allotments, the main arterial roads and forlorn areas of wasteland. His series of prints during that decade contained fluid lines and shapes in which fore-ground, background and cen-A CONTROL OF THE CONT tral subject are divided into distinct areas, and separated by white blocks of space. He liked to use in these prints objects such as wire meshing which he had found in his rambles.

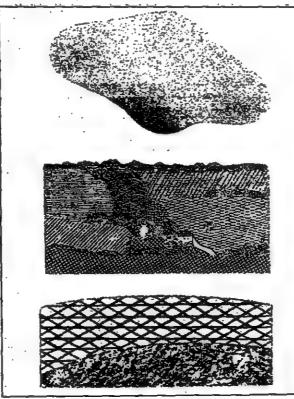
Baer always had a slightly tortured attitude to life, for which painting provided therapy and relief, and for which his uprooted childhood provided some explanation. Peter Albert Bernhard Baer was born in Berlin to a wealthy Jewish family who owned user own furniture emporium. He was sent to boarding school in Spain until the Spain, and as a man insisted on taking his family there looming in Europe, he joined his parents who had fled to Britain, but after the carriers



enemy alien. Later he worked as a draughtsman in a munitions factory.

After the war he mentally cut himself adrift from his German and Jewish upbringing, and reinvented himself. He enrolled in the Central School of Arts and Crafts, where his paintings were criticised for being too uncommercial the never improved much in this department): for one examination he submitted a huge, charcoal-drawn telephone. His early drawings were intense, expressionistic works but not many of them were seen because Baer, in a fit of self-deprecation, decided to burn a good deal. Other canvases which were not quite

right were scraped clean or hidden under the bed. Their subject matter was social-realist in tone: a small blue car parked outside a church in France; two people holding hands and walking up a hili; a workman pushing a bicycle. Baer knew all about bicycles at the time. He was earning a precarious living as



Peter Baer, left, and his Field, 1979

a lamplighter, and was forced to carry his ladder around on

John Berger, writing for the New Statesman, reviewed his paintings very favourably in the 1950s. But Baer was not earning a living from them. and decided on a more practical course of action. He had become interested in etching from his friendship with Birgit Skiold, who ran a print workshop in Charlotte Street. This led, in 1959, to his being taken into the Curwen Studio. a subsidiary of Curwen Press,

which was being run by Stanley Jones (first in the East End. later in Midford Place. off Tottenham Court Road). Here Baer learnt from scratch all the arcane techniques of lithography and etching. He had always had a gift for drawing and monochrome work, so printmaking suited him admirably, and later he expanded his work to colour prints.

The Curwen Studio provided specialist lithographic facilities for artists wanting to work on plate or stone, and to

have editions of their work printed. Barbara Hepworth, John Piper and Henry Moore were among the artists who came to Baer with ideas, which he helped to translate into reality. He supplied the technical expertise, and slaved over the proofs until they were just what the artist wanted. Initially he handprinted these himself, but later the studio invested in a 1923 lithographic press, which allowed Baer to concentrate on the more rewarding aspects of the job mulling over ideas with the artists, and proofing. in 1970 Baer took up a full-

time teaching post at the Hammersmith School of Art, which later became subsumed into the Chelsea College of Art and Design. But for the past decade or so he started to turn more and more to his first love of painting, and as he gradually retired from teaching in the 1980s, so he began to paint canvases which were still recognisably urban land-scapes, but which were increasingly abstract and charged with colour. He held regular exhibitions, many of them at the Ben Uri Art

Gallery. Baer was an unworkly man, often naive, but passionate about his painting, and he was almost ill on those days on which he could not paint. The idea of a public holiday when he had to stop work, such as Christmas, was anathema to him.

His first early marriage, to Sigrid, ended in amicable divorce. He is survived by Iris, his second wife whom he married in 1968, and by a son and a stepson from that marriage.

THE REV ARTHUR MORTON

The Rev Arthur Morton director of the NSPCC, 1954-79, died on March 25 aged 80. He was born on June 29, 1915.

WITH courage and commit-

ment Arthur Morton faced the raw truth of a society which. despite the burgeoning comforts of modern life, produced family breakdown on an alarming scale, and with it the inevitable suffering of child-ren. When, as director of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. he co-authored a history of the society. This is Your Child. he wrote in the opening paragraph: "This book deals with terrible things. It is written about one of the darkest aspects of our civilisation. Those who find themselves unable to contemplate tragic and often sordid facts are advised not to read it."

century at the helm of the NSPCC. Morton witnessed some of the society's most difficult years. He was called upon to handle delicate negotiations and initiate important changes. The society's inspectors, when he first took over, were mainly ex-servicemen who, though devoted to their cause, were indifferently trained and meagrely paid. With the growth of social services they were increasingly enticed away by offers of better training and higher salaries. Morton fought to see the society's workers put on a more competitive professional basis. Facing formidable financial problems, with annu-

During nearly quarter of a

al deficits forecast at around £100,000, he campaigned for and won a realistic level of



government funding to help the society to set up training departments and offer competitive wages.

Morton was also the first to draw attention to the plight of battered babies. instigating pioneering research into the problem and, in 1974, setting up the National Advisory Centre on the Battered Child. followed by a number of special units. As an extension of this he outfaced public disbelief and revulsion and supported the first British research into the sexual abuse of children.

Morton battled against the recommendations of the 1960 Ingleby report that the NSPCC should lose its status as an Authorised Person to initiate proceedings in the juvenile courts. He travelled the country campaigning vigorously and as a result the Government decided not to proceed with the recommendation. In 1961 Morton was an-

pointed CBE and, in 1979, the year of his retirement, CVO.

Born in Bakewell, Derbyshire, Arthur Morton was educated at the imperial Service College. Windsor, and at Jesus College, Cambridge, where he read History. From there he went on to train at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, and he was ordained in 1938.

After two years as a curate at St Catherine's in Neasden. he served for ten years as a chaplain with the Missions to Seamen in Manchester, where his toughness of character, tempered by a robust sense of humour and an enthusiasm for cricket, won him the trust of those with whom he worked. But it was in a rough world that he found himself and many of his painful experiences - including the hanging of one of his parishioners - served as preparation for the often harrowing career

he was later to follow. In 1951 he became assistant director of the NSPCC, and three years later, after the death of the Rev Wilton McCann, he was appointed to the directorship, a post in which he was to remain for nearly 25 years. During his time as director he became the public face of the NSPCC. appearing regularly on television and radio broadcasts. A mesmerising speaker, he was much in demand both in Britain and abroad, and travelled extensively, particularly to the United States.

Diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, Morton retired pre-maturely in 1979. He spent his last years quietly at home with his wife Medora, to whom he had been married for 55 years when she died last year.

Arthur Morton is survived by his two daughters.

Latest wills

Lady Olga Richardson, of Abinger Common, Surrey, left estate valued at £2,380,584 net Abinger Common. Surrey. Ich estate valued at 12.389,584 net. She directed her trustees to offer her. sull life by Heda to the nation to offset inheritance tax of it not accepted then to the National Art Collections Fund. and she further left 125,000 each to the Cancer Research Campalem, Great Ormond Street. Children's Hospital. Church of England Pensions Board. Church Hospite. Christian Aid. Oxfam. Age. Concern. Save the Children Fund and Crisis; £20.000 each to the Royal School of Church Music. Queen Elizabeth Foundation for the Distabled and English Churches Housing Group: £15.000 each to the Abinger Hammer Village School. Historie Churches Preservation Trust. Service Society. 10.000 each to the Abinger Hammer Village School. Historie Churches Preservation Trust. Royal United Church Brandle Trust. Royal United Church Distabled and English Churches Housing School of Church Willage School. Historie Churches Preservation Trust. Royal United Church Brandle Trust. Royal United Church Distabled Trust. Royal United Church Moster Distabled Trust. Royal United Church Moster Distabled Trust. Historie Churches Churches Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood. of Mount Abernia Convent. Guildford, in memory of her daughter Fay. Other estates include (net, before estate valued at £2,389,584 net.

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Mr Sydney Tuer, of Hutton Bonville, North Yorkshire £1.140.280. Herrietta Wells, of London NW3.....

of Ormskirk, Lancashire £806,090. Mr Percy Lloyd Edmunds, of

Mr Sidney Ronald Fundell, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire...... Mr Harold Carl Guggenheim, retired chemical engineer, of Harch End, Middlesex, £1,390,814. Mrs Stefanie Harben, of London Mr Peter Maddocks, of Surton Lazars, Leicestershire..... £803,468. Mrs Joan Porter, of Dronwich, Marion Lee Tilley, of Bewdley, Hereford and Worcester 1,257,078. Mrs Yvonne Walker, of Solihull. West Midlands £1,096,305. Mrs Miriam Myra Weisbrein of London NW6______ E858.266. Mrs Barbara Jeanette Wise, of Hester Mary Aliagina, of Brain-...E1,036,724. My John George Cumberland, of Elmesthorpe, Leicestershire

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Mrs Eleanor Dukie Parsons, of Ashford, Kent £795,422. Mrs Diana Mary Puckle, of Stockbridge, Hampshire £790,255. Mr Harry Anthony Samuels, of Mrs Joan Hilda Swannick, of

Alice Rees Evants, of Rhos on Sea,

THE ROYAL MARRIAGE.

The Marriage of his Royal Highness the Princes of WALES, with her Serene Highness the Princess CAROLINE of BRUNSWICK, which has so long been delayed, from a variety of uniforesem incidents, was at length solemoised yesterday evening at the Chapel Royal, St James's. Before six o'clock, all the avenues to the Palace were crowded with spectators, and it was with

some difficulty the carriages could move along, although every possible precaution had been taken to keep the ranks clear. The avenues within the Palace had been very property enclosed and married, so as to render the passages as comfortable as possible. About six, the company who had Tickets, began to take their scats in the two Antichambers leading to the Drawing-room: but such was the concourse of the Nobility of both series who went to St James's, that many of the Company did not reach the Drawing room till

after the procession had passed to the Chapel.

The baseness of the hour at which the Drawingroom commenced, and the great number of
visitors which attended it, renders it utterly
impossible to give a list of the names of the impossible to give a list of the names of the visitors. It may naturally be supposed, that on such an occasion, and under such extreme articles have shown to behold the lovely stranger lately arrived among us, every Peer and Peeress, their sores and daughters, the Privy Counsellors and their Ladies, the Bishops, and all those, in short, who were in jown, and entitled to admission on this occasion, were present. The

ON THIS DAY

April 9, 1795

A disastrous marriage. The future George IV was revolted by Caroline's vulgarity, flamboyance, obscene language and filthy appearance. They parted after a few months. Yet the King liked her, the public adored her and The Times was her champion.

Nobility and Knights of the Bath were all dressed in the insignia of their respective orders; and such a brilliant shew of elegance and beauty was

nerhans never beheld. A little before six o'clock, their MAJESTIES, with the PRINCE and PRINCESS of WALES, and with the rest of the Royal Family who had dined at the Queen's House, wern from thence to their respective apartments in St James's, to dress. The PRINCE, on leaving the Queen's House, had a hearry shake of the hand from the KING, which brought tears into his eyes. HIS MAJESTY salured the PRINCESS in the Hall, and then got into his carriage. The PRINCE, after seeing the

PRINCESS home, went to Carlton House. It was past nine o'clock before the procession

began to move from the Drawing-Room towards the Chapel ... The Archbishop of CANTERBURY read the whole of the marriage service with great minuteness and solemnity. On coming to that part

of the service when it is asked. Who gives the bride in marriage? the KING advanced to the Princess and, taking her with both his hands, presented her with the strongest marks of satisfaction. On being asked, "Wilt thou have this man to be thy wedder husband?" the Princess answered with great emphasis, "I will."—Her Royal Highness also followed the Archbishop in the reading of the oath with great distinctness and expression.

His Royal Highness also repeated the ceremony with great clearness and recollection, but, rising from his knees too soon, the Princess did the same, when the ARCHBISHOP stopped the service. The KING perceiving the dilemma, rose from his feet, and whispered the PRINCE, who kneeling again, the service was concluded.

the service was concluded . . .

It was near a quarter before 12 o'clock before their MAJESTIES returned to Buckingham House, where a magnificent supper of 22 covers was provided in the Grand Saloon up stairs, for the Royal Family, and of which the STADT-HOLDER and his Family also partook. The King handed the Queen up the staircase the Prince his Band Disk other processed and processed the contract with staircase. Royal Bride, who appeared very much fatigued with the weight of her dress, and in going up the staircase, had nigh fallen down. The Princesses and the Duchess of York looked extremely goodnatured, and in excellent spirits ...

Other estates include (net, before 12X): Mrs Eileen Muriel Colwell, of Warsash, Hampshire 62 539 573.

Mr Jan Dominik, of London £1,979,215. Mr John Harold Holt, of Radcliffe. Greater Manchester ____ £566,281. Mrs Marion Kemp, of Withernsea, North Humberside . £604,996. Mr Subashchandra Gordanbhai Patel, of Hornchurch, Essex £558,859. Mrs Lilian Roberts, of Blandford

1928,262 Mr Bertram White, of Chichester. Kathleen Alicia Bassett, of London £890,523.

Worcester irce, Essex..... £704.846. Mr Hywel Thomas Davies, of Caerphilly, Mid Glanorgan £744,384.

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NEWS

Left defeats NUT plan for reform

Militant teachers inflicted a devastating defeat on moderates trying to extend democracy in Britain's biggest teaching union when they threw out "one member, one vote" reforms limiting the powers of branches and the national conference.

Leaders of the National Union of Teachers had proposed automatic ballots on conference decisions in a package reminiscent of Tony Blair's "new Labour" reforms. But every element was voted down in a humiliating rebuff for DougPage 1, 2 McAvoy, the general secretary

Plastic bullets fired at rioting loyalists

Riot police opened fire with plastic bullets after loyalists in Belfast attacked the RUC with petrol bombs. In the most serious rioting since last summer an elderly woman had a heart attack as police clashed with 1,000 loyalists.......Page 1

Mackay visit

The Lord Chancellor is to make an unprecedented visit to Strasbourg next month to seek backing from other countries for curbs on the European Court of Human

School terror

A primary school headmistress told of a campaign of intimidation, including arson, waged against her after she identified youths who broke into a teacher's

Spelling problem

The decline in writing skills among teenagers detected in a new study has fuelled the debate among educationists about modern teaching methods Page 2

Blair welcome

Tony Blair's arrival in Washington later this week is generating more interest - and noticeably more positive coverage - in the US media than the Prime Minister's regular visits doPage 2

DNA heredity test

A Weish car worker plans to apply to a court to exhume the body of a distinguished aristocrat for DNA testing in an attempt to prove that he is the man's illegitimate grandsonPage 3

Brawi victim

A man aged 60 who collapsed as he tried to rescue his daughter from a roadside brawl died from a heart attack....

Viscount farewell

One of the last three Vickers Viscount airliners is being prepared for a final trip from Heathrow, where the first of its type began commercial service more than 40 . Page 6

Millennium delay

The Vatican said that grandiose plans for celebrating the millennium in Rome in under four years were in "total disarray" because of delays Page 7

Brando outburst

Marlon Brando launched a bitter and unexpected attack on Jews in Hollywood, accusing them of exploiting ethnic stereotypes in

The failure of America to pay its billion-dollar debt to the United

Taxpayers' revolt

Nations has sparked a citizens' Civil war spreads

Fighting in Liberia between government troops and supporters of a warlord was spreading as thousands of people sought refuge in diplomatic compounds.....Page 9

Chinese Easter

The sound of voices singing Jin Zhao Ji Du Zan Fu Sheng ("Christ the Lord is risen today") echoed in the streets of Wenzhou, where a religious revival appears to be taking place in a city that saw some of the worst violence of ... Page 4 Cultural Revolution Page 9

Modern funerals go with a swing

Pop songs and theme tunes are increasingly supplementing hymns at funerals. The trend is well established in churches as well as crematoriums, where one of the top ten tunes is Smoke Gets in Your Eyes. Other family favourites range from Whitney Houston's I Will Always Love You to the theme from the Australian soap opera Home and Away...... Page 4



Apprentice Boy marchers facing police during clashes in Belfast when demonstrators were refused entry to a nationalist area. Page 1

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Wall Street woe: Shares in New York fell more than 100 points, prompting a temporary suspension of dealings. Traders were responding to buoyant US employment figures, released on Good Friday, that suggested interest rates were unlikely to be cutPage 36

China chance: Airbus Industrie is on the verge of selling nearly El billion of aircraft in China, guaranteeing large orders and jobs for British Aerospace.....Page 36

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Rugby league: Danny Arnold scored twice to take his try tally to nine in three matches as high-flying St Helens sent Leeds crashing to their third defeat in the Super League ..

Racing: Ireland's Feathered Gale made the most of his finishing speed to out-sprint Yorkshirebased challenger, Jodami, in the closing stages to win the Irish Grand National....Page 25

Snooker: Nigel Bond captured his first world-ranking event when he beat John Higgins on the black in a memorable British Open final at ...Page 19 Plymouth...

Singing ambassador: Anne Sofie von Otter is a mezzo with a message. She wants to bring the songs of Sweden to the attention of the world... ... Page 10

Italian masters: Concerto Italiano makes an impressive debut at the Aldeburgh Early Music Festival in a programme of Monteverdi's madrigals ...

Art of the Empire: The National Portrait Gallery's new exhibition looks at how Livingstone and other Victorians managed to grapple with the mysteries of Africa .

eyecatching sculpture of Alison

New art shows: The delicate paintings of Avis Newman and the Wilding are going on show in

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Buttoned up: Iain R. Webb on this summer's dress and where to

find the best

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TOMORROW

Quiet, please: Noisy neighbours are one of the most stressful problems for householders and can lead to violence and even murder. But

help is on the way THE PAPERS

Our biases, clearly, are against physician-assisted suicide. Our deeper conviction, however, is that this matter, touching the taproot of society, resides most properly inside the democratic workings of our legislative process, not with judge-made law

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Disease fear: The agony of know

ing that Huntington's disease runs

Chest test: The chest discomfort

suffered by the 21-year-old Oxford

stroke probably stemmed from

breathlessness. But for someone

older or unfit, it can have a more

sinister connotation, says Dr

Homeseeker: Will forsaking two

expensive homes for a three-up.

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day's market practices is threaten-

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The test for teachers

The best service teachers could perform for the next generation of GCSE students is an acknowledgment that traditional teaching is the best preparation for the demands of the modern age. Page 15

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The Clintons may have been smart enough to stay just the right side of the law but they were pretty stupid to have touched the project in the ... Page 15 first place...

Funeral blues

The music one chooses for one's funeral is a little like making a selection for the great desert island .Page 15 in the sky.

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LIBBY PURVES

Wise politicians remember to read history. And, just occasionally, a national scheme comes up which brings together past and present for a confident, joyful leap into the future. The Government is facing one of these big ideas, in the proposed new Royal Yacht Page 14 WOODROW WYATT

We are in the realm of politics, not science. The Germans and French attack Britain over BSE, primarily because it will not bow to their domination. If people thought logically, the overwhelming support for Mr Major's approach would translate into votes Page 14 ELIZABETH NOEL

Religious beliefs can govern the most important parts of our inner life but they cannot reveal where to put the cross in the polling booth. The Christian message is too complex and challenging to be reduced to political propaganda Page 14

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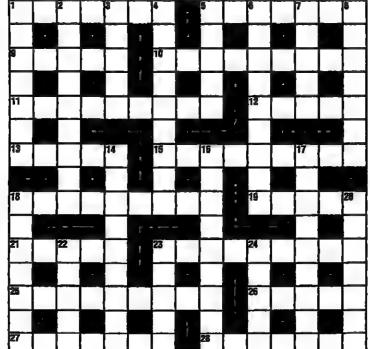
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- 26 Relief work amounted to nothing 27 Stretched and felt pain again? (7).
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- 2 Trial for dark horse (9).
- 3 Pick conservative paper (5). 4 English given surprise about book, like A passage to India (9).
- 5 Bay leaf initially included as spice 6 Girl supporting fierce person, one
- prominent in plot (5,4). 7 Mild expletive about female's plan 8 Catches girls hiding ring (7).
- 14 Person behind the times showing reluctant diligence, perhaps (9).
 16 Run into a football team, experts at scoring (9). 17 One in eight is female (9).
- 18 Time to be involved in beginnings of organised Communist revolution? (7). 20 Silly goose accepts credit, noted skinflint (7).

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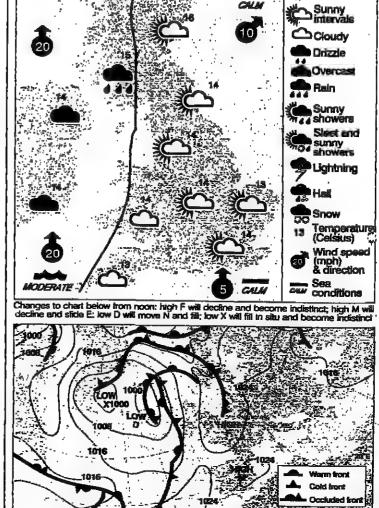
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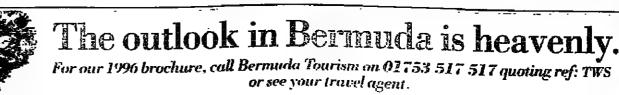
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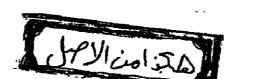
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TUESDAY APRIL 9 1996

Career-threatening accident to Busst overshadows Manchester United's victory

Injury dispels Bank Holiday spirit

Coveritry City

By Rob Hughes POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

INEVITABLY, Eric Cantona won it and, inexorably, Manchester United moved on towards their second FA Carling Premiership and Cup double in three years ... but the whole relish of an Easter Monday game before 50,332 speciators, the biggest league crowd for nine years, had ebbed away after a horrifying injury after only 80 seconds which resulted in a compound fracture of the right leg for the Coventry City defender, David Busst. Three hours of surgery were needed last night, and it was still uncertain if the injury may have ended one of the unsung careers in the professional game.

It was one of those collisions that deeply affects even the hardest of professional careerists. Peter Schmeichel, United's Danish goalkeeper, who

engers push for safety 20 Liverpool recover ..

once before had seen bone protruding through the fiesh, simply said at the end of the contest: "I cannot talk; if they asked me a question about that accident, I would break down." And indeed the very joy and the purpose of the natch was deadened from the instant that Busst, stretching goal of his lifetime, collided with the similarly outstretched leg of Denis Irwin.

It had followed what turned out to be Coventry's most enlightening moment. From a corner on the right by Pickering, Whelan had glanced the ball with his head. Schmeichel had used the fullness of 6ft 4in frame to dive to his right and palm it down, and then, when Busst and Dublin went for it. when the goalkeeper pounced on it, came the lateful collision. It left the leg at a grotesque angle and so much blood on the pitch that it was nine minutes before the goal area could be swabbed clean

and the game restarted. Even in the stands, hearts pounded, but the eyes did not want to see. Busst, who came



The sickening moment when Busst, the Coventry City central defender, suffered a broken right leg in a challenge with Irwin, left, the Manchester United defender. Photograph: Ian Stewart

ham non-league club, Moor Green, has never had the opportunity to earn a fortune at his game. He has played fewer than 50 games at senior level and, at 28, is one year younger than the unbroken tenure Coventry have enjoyed in the top division in English football: a tenure which, alas, like the player's livelihood, is threatened this morning.

Yet, as Alex Ferguson, the United manager, was to observe, it was Coventry who first picked up the threads of the game, it was Whelan who burst through United's offside late to Coventry on a free trap and Schmeichel who,

with a hint of reluctance, had to throw himself down near the same spot, just in front of his right-hand post, to smother Whelan's chance.

Slowly, gradually, the main man of the afternoon, Cantona began to shape what was left of the game. At the outset the tricolours had outnumbered anything else against the slate grey sky, and the Frenchman, lying deep to orchestrate United's rhythm because the surging presence of Keane was missing through suspension, did indeed became the catalyst of the show. But it remained tentative, and

one reason why was that Cole

has become more goal-maker than goalscorer since his £7

Two instances of this came before half-time. First, he spun away from Williams and, with wonderful vision, found Giggs, who stabbed at the chance from nine yards, straight at Ogrizovic. Moments later, when Cantona, of course, provided the perfect through-ball, Cole should have burst the net with his shot; instead he blazed the ball

wastefully wide. We knew what was coming, we simply did not know when. It was two minutes into the second half when Cantona

scored his seventh goal in eight games, and another winner. He had restarted in an attacking position, pushed at times today."

up to do what Cole could not Giggs broke down the left, his cross was intercepted by Williams, who attempted to flick the ball clear with his heel. It spun up, Cole and Richardson raced for it, the ball ricocheted off Richardson, and there, seven yards out and seemingly in seven yards of space, was Cantona, scoring almost with nonchalance.

After Ferguson had cleared his throat from the "hateful" injury to an opposing player, he said: "Thank God, the

chance fell to Ooh-ah. He panicked, didn't hel But I thought Eric was magnificent

Indeed he was, a player of so much technique and vision that he could stroll the field; and when Cantona stopped, for the final 20 minutes, United ebbed so badly that their manager conceded they could have thrown away the precious points. Instead of filling their boots with goals that may become crucial at the season's end, they had settled for a solitary gift, and in the final minute Richardson, trying desperately to give his club a lifeline, found himself eight

yards from goal, the home ening feeling in the stomach desence statuesque. But he was off balance, he mis-hit his shot wide, and the import of it all is that Coventry may this time be going down, and United will be going all the way to the final championship

However, all of it became secondary to that deeply sick-

that follows such an injury to a man who had done nothing to deserve such a fate. OGSETVE STIGT, 8, 1816.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-1-1) Farmechai — D Inwn, D May, G Neville, I Sharpe — D Beckham, N But, B McClair, R Gages — E Cantone — A Cole COVENTRY CTV (4-4-2): S Ograzovic — A Pickering, D Busst (sub; W Boland, 2mrl), L Dasth, J Salako — P Taller (sub; E Jasa, 70), K Richardson, P Williams, P Ndlovu — D Dubin, N Wheten,

Higgins blackballed with prized position in reach

BY PHIL YATES

NIGEL BOND did Stephen Hendry, his Team Sweater Shop stable-mate, an enormous favour by capturing his first world ranking event, after seven years as a snooker professional, by bearing John Higgins 9-8 on the last black in a memorable British Open final at Plymouth yesterday. Higgins was set to overhaul Hendry at the head of the

provisional standings going into the Embassy world championship later this month when he established a commanding 690 lead in the deciding frame with only five reds, and therefore 67 points, available for Bond.

Higgins then dropped his guard. Instead of screwing back off a simple black for a choice of three easy reds, he chose to ignore obvious positional considerations. He missed a tough red to a

middle pocket and Bond eventually ported four reds, with four blacks, and laid a fiendish snooker behind the blue. Higgins could not escape, Bond cleared to pink and, after getting the better of a tense tactical battle, potted it and climed a courageous and clipped a courageous black across the top cushion.

"It was a pot you wouldn't go for under normal circumstances, but those weren't normal circumstances." Bond. who collected a first prize of £60,000, said. "When John was so far in front, I was

thrown a lifeline."
Higgins had found himself trailing 3-0 as Bond, responsi-ble for the elimination of Hendry and Peter Ebdon, started the stronger. When Higgins left a free ball in the first frame, Bond cleared the colours to draw first blood. Breaks of 61 and 35 gave him the second and he edged the third on the black by a single point.

Having miscued on a reasonably straightforward blue to a middle pocket in that frame, which would have left Bond requiring snookers, Higgins exhibited his unshakable self-confidence by snatching the next for a vital foothold. Trailing 53-1, Higgins rolled in a risky long red



Bond: first ranking title

resigned to defeat, but I was to launch a 56 clearance to pink, before he added a tricky

> That seemed to have instigated a perceptible shift in the balance of power, for Higgins put together a run of 47 in the fifth, before jawing a red with the rest. Bond clinically fashioned a 79 clearance to lead 4-I, only for Higgins to claim the closing two frames of the session.

Higgins also accounted for the eighth with a 91 break, but Bond again showed his resilience, producing an emphatic response in the form of a run of \$9 to regain the advantage

Even the 44 clearance to black from Higgins, initiated by a fluked red, that helped him to level at 6-6, failed to shatter Bond's resolve. After the next two frames had been shared, Bond defied the growing tension to construct a 122 clearance to lead 8-7. Higgins replied with contributions of 49 and 75 in the sixteenth frame before seeing virtually

certain victory prised away. Not since Jimmy White beat Cliff Thorburn 13-12 in the 1986 Mercantile Classic has a player prevailed in the decidng frame of a final after requiring a snooker.

FBMAL: N Bond (Eng) bt J Hoppins (Scot) 9-8. Frame scores (Sond first): 71-55, 96-4, 65-84, 53-64, 78-47, 18-72, 17-102, 0-91, 89-0, 39-90, 99-30, 55-56, 72-0, 0-97, 122-6, 8-128, 71-69.

Rivals threaten to expel England from five nations'

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

THE Rugby Football Union (RFU), harassed by its own clubs at home, came under pressure from its five nations' championship partners last night over its dealings with television companies. The four other unions are so annoyed at English attempts to negotiate on their own behalf, that they threaten the 1996 champions with expulsion from the 1997-98 championship.

The five nations' committee met at Heathrow, with Wales, Scotland, Ireland and France in militant mood. Within the past month, tenders have been invited for the screening of the five nations championship (the present BBC contract concludes at the end of next season), but the four countries believe that England seek, once more, to dominate the financial debate.

Frustration already exists over the RFU's refusal to allow its leading clubs to participate in this season's embryonic European competition, a frustration shared by the clubs themselves, who hope today for a definitive statement over the structure for next season. England's leading clubs want a 12-team first division rather than ten, as at present, and which the RFU is understood to favour.

"The RFU used the same principle to give their clubs a year's moratorium to sort out professional rugby," Donald Kerr, the chairman of the Union Clubs Limited, said.

"All we are asking is that the first division clubs get a similar opportunity. We think it would be desperately unfair on clubs to deny them the chance to get to grips with professional rugby next season in the top There must have been times

this season when the RFU has felt the whole world was against it. In part, it is reaping the inheritance of its forebears, those who forced through the lion's share of the last television agreement on the basis of England's greater viewing population and, over a good many years, those who adopted an autocratic attitude



Botica: returning to union

to the organisation of the Now, its best players and clubs demand to know where they stand in the new order, alongside a crisis of leadership

within, created by the division over a new chairman of the union's executive committee, the post to which Cliff Brittle was elected. At the same time, the RFU seeks to inflict what it sees as a northern hemisphere equivalent of a provincial playing structure on an existing structure determined to resist it.

Orrell, meanwhile, have made sure of their first significant signing of the sport's new era when Frano Botica, the former New Zealand stand-off half, agreed a two-year contract believed to be worth more than £40,000.

Botica, 32, will, however, be spending the summer playing in the Super League for Castleford before turning his attentions to the code that he left in 1990 after seven appearances - mostly as understudy to Grant Fox - for the All Blacks.

He follows three Wales internationals — Jonathan Davies (to Cardiff), John Devereux and Adrian Hadley (both to Sale) - in reverting to rugby union after a league career. Botica spent most of that time with Wigan, for whom he recorded the fastest

If Chardonnay is all you make, you get it right. Or else. Such is the competition among Chardonnays, you need dedication to stand out. James Herrick spent 22 years studying the grape, from Champagne to the Barossa. Then he brought back the technical skills learned in the New World and blended them with Old World savoir-faire in the South of France. He planted Chardonnay and nothing but. He makes his own wine using his own grapes, and no other. And each vintage he produces a classic: elegant, powerful, longfinishing. Nothing else will do for him. Nothing less should do mes Herrick for you. James Herrick CHARDONNAY

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Second-half try spree puts Cardiff in hunt

CARDIFF kept alive their hopes of retaining the Heineken League rugby union title by picking up maximum points in a 41-13 win over Aberavon at the Talbot Athletic Ground yesterday. They picked up three bonus points,

courtesy of seven tries, to move up to third place and keep the pressure on Neath and Pontypridd. After a sluggish start, Car-

diff got their act together with six second-half tries, including three from Steve Ford, the wing, that lifted him to 19 league tries for the season one short of the record. Cardiff's other tries came from Jonathan Humphreys, Andy Booth, Owain Williams and Adrian Davies, who also kicked three conversions.

Philip Wintle and Richard Diplock scored tries for Aberavon and Mark Watts kicked a penalty goal.

Biela sets pace for Audi

Motor racing: Frank Biela won the opening rounds of the Auto Trader RAC touring car championship at a canter at Donington Park yesterday, It was a magnificent British debut for Audi and underlined the superiority of the fourwheel-drive Audi A4 over its two-wheel-drive rivals.

Biela's closest challenger was Will Hoy, the 1991 champion, whose Renault Laguna finished second in both races. Biela heads for the third and fourth rounds of the championship at Brands Hatch on April 21 with a seven-point lead over Hoy.

Bray in vain

Cycling: A lone attack by Simon Bray, the British. Welsh and universities roadrace champion, brought him victory in the final stage of the Girvan three-day race, but was not enough to dislodge Dave Williams from the vellow iersey.

Williams, who had started the day with 37 seconds in hand over Mark Lovatt, finished third in the hilly 64-mile stage, allowing Bray to drift off the front with 20 miles to go before he was hauled in to finish seven seconds ahead.

Title retained

Equestrianism: Anky yan Brusben, of Holland, retained the Volvo World Cup dressage title for the second year running at Gothenburg yester-day. She guided Camelion Bonfire through an intricate freestyle pattern that included a double pirouette which earned a top mark of ten from the chairman of the five judges.

Margit Otto-Crepin, of France, the 1989 winner, rode Lucky Lord into second and Klaus Baikenol, of Germany. finished third on Garcon.

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Golf: Jack Nicklaus scored the hundredth professional victory of his career at Scottsdale, Arizona, when he retained the Tradition title. He sealed his fourth win in the seniors tournament with a second successive round of 65, which gave him a 16-under aggregate of 272 — three better than Hale Irwin, the former US Open champion.

☐ Kelly Robbins beat Val

Skinner, her fellow American, on the fifth play-off hole to win the LPGA tournament in Lincoln, California.

Evans warms up

Athletics: Paul Evans, who will be trying to secure a place in the Great Britain Olympic team when he races in the Flora London Marathon on Sunday week, won the Fred ten-kilometres road race at Peterborough yesterday. Evans took Imin 23sec off the the course record to win in

Rider killed

Motorcycling: Marco Burnelli, the Italian superbike rider, was killed after a highspeed crash in an Italian championship race at Monza yesterday. Burnelli, 29, and another rider, Mauro Mastrelli, who is in serious condition in hospital, collided after

Jalabert returns

Cycling: Laurent Jalabert, the world No I, made a surprise rturn from a knee injury suffered in the Paris-Nice race last month to take the first stage of the 36th Basque Tour in Lasarte, Spain yesterday. The Frenchman won a sprint finish to the 126km first stage of the five-stage race.

Sinclair boosts Rangers' push towards safety

Queens Park Rangers Everton..

BY ALYSON RUDD

THIS is turning into a through-thelooking-glass season for Queens Park Rangers. They spent much of it worrying when there was really no need to and now, when relegation is more likely than not, they have jumped off the psychiatrist's couch to play free-flowing, counter-attacking football as if without a care in the world.

Victory against Everton moved them one place nearer safety. It was an exemplary team performance. with Sinclair top of the class and Hateley bottom — but even the former Rangers forward managed a goal in the midst of an embarrassing overall contribution.

Everton, in the first half, gave a wonderful rendition of a team with nothing to play for. Only in the second half did they remember that there is a place in Europe at stake and at last they put the QPR goal under sustained pressure.

Fifteen minutes into the match, Everton were left exposed after a run by Sinclair, who had simply to slide the ball into Gallen's path for a goal. So many times this season, similar situations have failed to result in Gallen scoring. Yesterday, however, he confidently assessed the angle and

Sinclair was in one of his more effective moods. Indeed, Hinchcliffe was booked in the 27th minute after a clumsy attempt to stop one of the winger's dashes.

By contrast, Hateley seemed un-able to do anything right. Sinclair found him unmarked in the penalty area, Hateley wasted the opportuni-ty. Wilkins found him with a clever pass and Hateley booted the ball into no-man's land. But not even Hateley was going to squander Holloway's cross in the 42nd minute. Again he was given space and this time he looped his header over Southall who remained motionless, simply glaring

at his defenders. Everton, lifted from their stupor by a half-time chat with Joe Royle, the

manager, almost scored within three minutes of the restart. Hincheliffe fed the ball through to Ferguson, whose powerful shot hit the woodwork.

The second half gave QPR the chance to show off their new-found defensive repetoire and Brevett and Yates, in particular, were impressive. Sommer, too, played his part, bravely meeting the ball when under pressure and refusing to be even gently shaken by the towering pres-

ence of Ferguson.

The home side then went 3-0 ahead. Sinclair, slapping down the right flank, chose to shoot while Impey, unmarked, called for a pass. The ball fell to Impey, anyway, on the rebounds from Southail.

Everton snatched one goal from

their continued assault. Ebbrell prodding the ball past Sommer after Ferguson had flicked the ball on to him. Thereafter, there was constant goalmouth action. Ferguson headed wide, wasting Hottiger's cross, and Hateley once again squandered a

ball from Sinclair After the final whistle the home suppoorters clung to each other in rapture as the day's other results were announced. All in all, a spiendid day in west London.

OLIEENS PARK FLANGERS (4-4-2) J Sommer — 1 Bardsley, A McDonald, S Yates, R Bravett — Sincley, R Williams, 1 Hollowey, A Impey — K Gallen, 1 Controls



Ball's beleaguered side shows little heart for Premiership survival battle

Timid City relegated to also-ran's role

Wimbledon Manchester City.

By Michael Henderson

ON THE evidence of this abominable performance yesterday. Manchester City deserve to be relegated. Whether they do go down depends on how quickly they can put the memory of this game behind them, and how adversely results affect the other teams at the bottom. Should they drop out of the FA Carling Premiership, they will not be greatly

Wimbledon, who needed the points almost as badly, are now all but safe, having achieved their third victory in four games. They utterly outplayed City, taking a fortiethminute lead through Robbie Earle, who added a second two minutes after the interval. A third goal, from Efan Ekoku, followed shortly afterwards as City gave up, which is the worst thing one can say about a professional side. There was no professional pride displayed by them at Selhurst Park yesterday.

City ended the game with three Germans and two Georgians in the number, and a fat or of good it did them. Kinkladze, the dinky little forward, was followed everywhere by Cunningham and did next to nothing, but he was nowhere near as bad as Frontzeck, the German left back, whose lamentable performance was a collector's

Frontzeck had given the ball away on two occasions before he did so again five minutes before half-time. Jones acceptup Ardley, the full back, along the right, and, when his cross came in. Earle beat Immel with a powerful header that the goalkeeper could parry but

not stop. Earle made no secret of his intentions when the ball was in the air, but City let him do as he liked. When Gavie hit the bar immediately after the restart. Jones redirected the bali back across goal and



Earle, right, who scored Wimbledon's first two goals with headers, uses his feet in a tussle with Lomas yesterday. Photograph: Des Jenson

Earle headed his second goal, header straight at the ball, which was no great it might have been, but they Then. Ekoku drove in a third. goalkeeper. after Symons had failed to ed his pass with gratitude, set clear. Wimbledon had turned a tiresome spectacle into a

thumping victory. City made just two chances. Kinkladze, released by Kavelashvili, his fellow Georgian, shot with his left foot when his right would have been more useful, and Sullivan blocked. To be honest, Kinkladze does not have a right foot. A minute from time. when Phillips skipped down the right, Kavelashvili sent a

manager, declined to attend a post-match press conference, clearly not trusting himself to give diplomatic answers. He has never said much of interest throughout his undistinguished managerial career. and he is obviously finding it difficult to make his players listen to whatever he wants to impart.

Those players lacked any sense of spirit yesterday. Wimbledon were sharper to the

of it. City, with Clough anonymous in midfield and with all manner of weird things going on at the back.

terms, made a pitiful sight. They remain fourth from the bottom and Ball eventually said: "If the season finished now, I would be happy." With the Coventry City and Southampton results going their way, it was not as bad a day as

where immel and his defend-

ers were hardly on speaking

not avoid the drop. "The first goal was a shock-

er." Ball said, his brow as black as thunder. "I thought in open play we made the better chances, but at free kicks we were not at all committed.

These players are top professionals. They want the sunshine and everything that goes with it, but they have to accept responsibility and today too many of them did not." Joe Kinnear, his Wimble-

don counterpart, was a happidistinction in a match this are still involved in a fight er man. "There was only going At first, Alan Ball, the City poor, and they made better use against relegation and may to be one winner today." he determined team and eased up a bit after the third goal. They [Manchester City] certainly need to do more than that if they are to stay up."

WIMBLEDON (4-4-2) N Sulfivan — A Ardiay, A Pearce C Perry, A Kritole — F Earle, V Jones, K Curringham, M Gayk (14): A Clarke, 68mm) — D Holdsworth, E Ekoliu (14): D J Goodman, 75). ENANU (RUD J GOODMAN, 75).

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Sad Southampton Reading unhinged by Freedman beached by Yorke

Aston Villa. Southampton

BY PAT GIBSON

Dwight Yorke, skimming across the barren desert of Villa Park in his dazzling white boots as though he was playing beach football back in his native Tobago. lit up a game that did nothing to improve Southampton's chances of staying in the FA Carling Premiership.

Southampton had raised their hopes by beating Blackburn Rovers through a Le Tissier penalty at The Dell on Saturday and, for more than an hour yesterday, they clung to the hope that their talisman would be able to conjure something out of nothing.

He could not. Instead, it was Aston Villa, still playing with extraordinary commitment, even though they have a place in Europe secure, who broke the deadlock, scored two more and might have got six.

The first goal killed us.

Dave Merrington, the Southampton manager, said. "We set our stall out to do a specific job and I thought we had actually done that, because, until that one went in. I could not see Villa scoring."

Merrington must take his share of the blame. He had chosen the eccentric Grobbelaar in preference to Beasant and it was the goalkeeper's rush of blood, as he went for a Townsend corner without quite getting there, which enabled Taylor to head Villa ahead in the 64th

Suddenly, Villa were rampant and two goals in the

the game. First. Yorke produced a wonderful piece of skill on the edge of the six-yard box and then squared the ball for Charles to slot in his first goal of the season.

Then, Yorke controlled a long pass from Taylor just inside the Southampton half with his back to goal. He flicked the ball over Neilson's head and outpaced the rest of the defence before planting a low shot out of Grobbelaar's reach. It was his 25th goal of the season.

Villa might have scored three more after that. Townsend curled a 25-yard shot against the right-hand post and Johnson hit the other upright from the rebound. Then, in the last minute Milosevic, clean through, hit Grobbelaar's legs with his first shot and a post with the

Southampton had no complaints, apart from the fact that Milosevic should not have been on the field at that stage. He should have been sent of seven minutes into the second half for striking Widdrington, with whom he had been having a running battle.

"I saw him punch him in the head but unfortunately the officials did not," Merrington said. "I would not make an issue of it because it's a man's game, but it's a part of football I don't like." Needless to say, Brian Little, the Villa manager, did not see the incident. ASTON VELA (5-3-2) M Bosnich — G Crarles, U Ehogu P McGrath (sub R Someca, 47mm), I Taylor, A Wright — T Johnson A Townsend, M Drapor — D

SOUTHAMPTON (3-5-1-1) B Groubselaar — J Dodd, T Waddington, F Benatr — A

Crystal Palace ...,..

By NICK SZCZEPANIK

WHILE automatic promotion is probably beyond Crystal Palace, this victory keeps them chugging along nicely towards the Endsleigh Insurance League first division

Reading, on the other hand, watched by their biggest crowd of the season, are looking even more nervously over their shoulders at the only three teams behind them in the table.

The finishing from both sides was woeful, with the goalkeepers seidom called into action, although, when they were, Martyn, for Palace, was able to produce the

opposite number, twice had to pick the ball out of his net.

Reading had the better of the first 44 minutes, almost scoring with their first attack when Caskey, unmarked, headed wide from a cross by Williams, Quinn and Gooding, the joint player-managers, each came within inches of putting their team ahead. while, for Palace. Freedman saw a gap and launched a run on goal, but lacked the pace to

outstrip his pursuers. Palace's best hope seemed to be Sheppard's uncertain kicking, which made his defeoders' insistence on passing back to him at every opportunity all the more puzzling. Finally, in the last minute of the half, there was one backpass too many. Wdowczyk's header sold Sheppard short ball past him before putting it into an empty net.

Wdowczyk, a Poland international, nearly made amends when Martyn had to dive full length to turn aside his free kick from 20 yards. From the resulting corner. Reading forced Martyn into another fine reflex stop. from Parkinson's header.

Palace came close to extending their lead when Veart headed Edworthy's cross just past a post, but Reading went closer still as Lovell headed powerfully against the bar with Martyn out of position.

Just as Reading, their attack freshened by three substitutions, looked likely to force an equaliser. Freedman escaped the attentions of Holsgrove, took the ball to the byline and laid it into the path fiercely past Sheppard.

Although Tuttle's depar ture, for a second bookable offence, meant that Palace had to see out the last ten minutes a man short, Reading were unable to capitalise and left the field wondering about results elsewhere.

The main danger for Palace, unlikely as they are to be able to catch Derby County for second place, is running out of steam before the beginning of that other National Lottery, the play-offs.

READING (3-1-4-2) S Sneppard — A Bernal, P Hologrove, D Wdowczyk: — P Patridrson (sub M Meaker, 66min) — M Booky M Gooding D Caskey, M Gibles — J Oulinn (sub L Nogan, 66), M Whisama (sub; SLovell, 55) CRYSTAL PALACE (5.2.3) N Mertyn — M Edworthy, G Davies, A Roberts, D Turge, K Brown — R Houghton, S Rodger — D Hopkin, D Freetman (auth L Andersen, 77). C Veart (sub. B Dyer, 85)

Sunderland in need of reinforcements

Sunderland ... Charlton Athletic 0

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

HOW many Sunderland players might make the grade in the FA Carling Premiership? On the evidence at a breezy, bad-tempered Roker Park yesterday, ticks would be placed only next to the names of Martin Scott, the left back, and Richard Ord, a central defender. Ouestion marks should be appended next to young Michael Bridges, Michael Gray, Sam Aiston and Craig Russell, who was missing through injury. As for the

rest — forget it. This match served to highlight the overriding need for investment by

Sunderland this summer. The search for new talent should start now because, despite this stutter, Peter Reid's side remains top of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division, three points ahead of Derby County with a game in hand. Missing automatic promotion would represent negligence on a grand scale, and Sunderland are far too wellorganised for that. However, if the board neglects to find a

come August. With nine established firstteam players absent, this was a highly impressive performance by the London side, Petterson. Charlton's thirdchoice goalkeeper, producing a fine display in front of him,

minimum of £10 million, the

side will undoubtedly be sub-

jected to an appalling ordeal

young Bridges constantly caused anxiety among Charlton's back line, but this was a tight, tough fixture to make, at

All credit to Bridges for persistently linking play so well — passing, laying off, heading on and running into astute positions so well he might have been an old-timer. The scorer of four goals in nine appearances as a substitute. Bridges is seen as an apprentice Fowler or Scholes. Here, however, he had just one clear-cut chance before retiring exhausted.

Of more significance was that his link play was allied to a deceptive toughness. Bridges may look 15 but he picked himself up like a man after a cynical challenge from Whyte. The defender was cautioned

and, judging by the rash of raised studs, a few of his teammates are equally streetwise. If Charlton were slightly fortunate to finish with Il men, they deserved a point for stopping the likes of Gray and

Bracewell. Yet Alan Cur-bishley's side found few answers to the right-wing questions asked by Aiston, a mop-haired teenager who tested Petterson's reflexes with his first touch. An exciting pros-pect, but would he be any match for a Pearce. Irwin or Hinchliffe? Doubtful.

SUNDERLAND (6-4-2) A Chamberlain — D Kubiddi, A Mehalle, R Ord, M Scott — S Asson, 70mml, K Ball, P Bracowell, M Gray — P Stewart, M Bridges (sub; L Howey, 74) CHARLTON ATHLETIC (4-4-2): A Petter-son — S Newton, R Rutus, S Balmer, C Whyle — M Robson (sub., P Linger, 46), S Brown, E Jones, J Robinson — C Leaburn, B Allon

Sinclair: commanding **Bolton still** managing to smile in

Boiton Wanderers.

Chelsea

By MARK HODRINSON

the face

of adversity

HOPE is ultimately more cruel than failure itself, but Colin Todd, the Bolton Wanderers manager, is set for another month at its mercy.

On Saturday, after a sound beating by Everton, Todd said that he had but a "glimmer" of hope that his team would avoid relegation from the FA Carling Premiership. After this win against Chelsea, the metaphorical glimmer has had its wattage increased somewhat and Todd is left once more to sup with a devil called Hope.

He revealed afterwards that he had told his team to relax and enjoy their football. "I spoke to the players about being relaxed and it showed at times," he said. "It was nice to see them play with a smile on their faces. They deserved the win and were a credit to themselves, I asked them to dig deep and they did."

In a match showing just fleeting touches of skill, Chelsea were not equal to Bolton's muscular endeavour. Wise and Spencer were joyous in battle, but often found themselves swamped by the sheer number of bodies coming at

them in Bolton colours. Chelsea took the lead in simplistic fashion. Gullit found Furiong, he reached the byline and Spencer hungrily

crashed the ball past Ward. Bolton were understand ably nervous and their play they crossed the halfway line. Stubbs, however, cool in a crisis, fed McGinlay, who shielded the ball well before

scoring with a low shot. Just before half-time, Curcic ambled towards Chelsea's goal and, from the edge of the penalty area, slammed the ball past Hitchcock. Curcic kissed his club crest and raced along the perimeter fence touching the hand of every Bolton supporter that he

passed. The enterprise barely increased after the break, both teams compensating for a lack of skill with sweat. Curcic was usually involved in the more controlled play, with Chelsea often employing illicit means to halt his progress. He was fouled on the edge of the penalty area and drove the resultant free kick into Chelsea's goal. It was disallowed because the free kick had been indirect and Curcic's boot was the ball's only company before

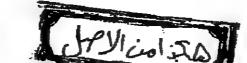
it hit the net. Glenn Hoddle, the Chelses manager, was disappointed with his side's capitulation. "It just wasn't good enough today: we're not learning from our mistakes," he said. "Bolton were worthy winners. They showed quality and were better with the ball than we were and we are supposed to

be a ball-playing side." Hoddle, once again, praised the form of Gullit, Wise and Spencer, but was upset that his team had lost three consecutive matches in which they

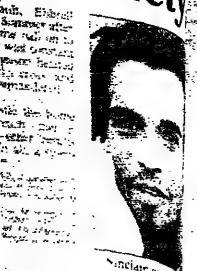
had been in front Eulogies to Chelsea have been manifold and sustained this season, but they still trail in the Premiership behind sides such as Everton, Blackburn Rovers and West Ham United - teams that play a more coarse, unsophisticated game. Against Bolton, they had neither the class nor valour to raise themselves

above a rugged dogfight. For their part, Bolton are the renaissance men of the Pre-miership and, as Todd admitted, the drama will not finish until the last ball is kicked at the end of the season. 🦯

BOLTON WANDERSETS (4-1-1): G Ward
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ds safety Liverpool's fading ambitions still burning

Liverpool West Ham United...

BY PETER BALL

ALL Liverpool can do is keep winning and keep their fingers crossed that the leaders slip up. They duly did the first part yesterday, but there was an understandable lack of conviction about their approach in a game which had an end of season air about it.

The result leaves Liverpool points behind Manchester United with four games remaining. Teams have blown leads like that before, but it does not look likely. "United have gone on and got a result and you have got to give credit where it is due". Roy Evans, the Liver-pool manager, said. "It wasn't the liveliest of fixtures, but we showed great spirit after getting kicked in the teeth at

With Mark Wright, Phil



Barnes: second goal

Babb, and Steve Harkness all injured, and Ruddock suspended, Liverpool were forced 10 field a makeshift back three and their cause was not helped by the absence of Rob Jones. Even so West Ham United showed little ambition to test any weaknesses until it was

They walked all over us in the first half and we stood back and let them dominate", Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, said afterwards. They played at their pace, it was almost like a practice match for them.

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"We haven't won here for over 30 years, they had had four games in nine days and had lost on Saturday, so this was a good chance, but you don't get a result by standing around looking at them. We have got great fans and they deserve the best".

Those fans showed their calibre with chants of "there's only one John Salako", a reference to the tackle by the Coventry player which broke Harkness's leg on Saturday.

team of nice chaps playing cavalier football, which once persuaded Bill Shankly to describe them as his favourite visitors — "it's always a good game and we win" - is receding, and yesterday they began in their new guise as roundheads. Rowland was detailed to man-mark McManaman while Dowie was left to fend for himself up

Even that failed to stop Liverpool. With McManaman shackled, Collymore instead began to wander and he made the breakthrough after dropping back to pick up McAteer's crossfield pass. There appeared little danger, but West Ham backed off and Collymore swerved away from Rieper and hit a shot from nearly 25 yards through Miklosko's hands for his eigh-

eenth goal of the season. That was effectively that. McManaman might have added the second but Rieper got behind Miklosko to deny him. There was no one, however, to rescue the goalkeeper when Liverpool's second goal arrived ten minutes before the interval.

ironically it followed a rare West Ham attack. Scales broke it up, Thomas found Barnes who sent Collymore racing down the left past Hughes. Barnes met the low cross at the near post and flicked it beyond Miklosko. That's the first time I've been in the six yard box for some

time," Barnes said afterwards. With Pian A in tatters, West Ham regrouped at the interval, Dicks moving in to form a three-man back-line and Rowland, relieved of his marking duties, taking up a position at wing back. If gave West Ham more of the play in the second half, and the change in the approach saw Breacker, Rowland and Bilic all booked as, belatedly, they began to play as if there were points and

bonuses at stake. You are entitled to have a go in the second half, but it was too late," Redknapp said. "We never got close enough to make a tackle in the first half and when I told Rowland at half-time to get some tackles in, he goes and kicks someone which wasn't what I meant."

Even so, if Fowler had been in form, Liverpool could have won by a greater margin, but it was their turn to go through the motions in the second half, confident that West Ham were unlikely to score.

LIVERPOOL (3-4-1-2): D James — M Thomas, J Scales, D Manao — J McAserr, Redwapp, J Barres, S Bjornebye — 8 McManarran — R Fowler, S Colymove. WEST HAM UNITED (4-5-1): L Mikosko — T Breecker, M Rioper, S Bilic, J Dicks — M Hughes, I Bishop, K Rowland, D William-son, R Stater — I Davis



Collymore scores his eighteenth goal of the season to give Liverpool the lead at Anfield yesterday

Forest deliver a harsh lesson

Simpson plays lead in demolition Derby

through Cook and must have thought

that they were heading for a repeat of the

5-1 drubbing that they handed Derby at

Prenton Park in November, but Powell

made it I-I before half-time, Yates made it

2-! shortly afterwards and then Simpson,

with a hat-trick, and Sturridge turned a win into a rout. Aldridge's late penalty

Swindon Town eased clear at the top of

the second division after a 2-0 win at

Crewe Alexandra, Horlock and Preece

taking them over the 80-point threshold.

was scant consolation.

Nottingham Forest

BY DAVID MADDOCK

JEERED to his seat by his own club's supporters and eered back again, these are nteresting times for Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds United manager, for whom such an adjective is rarely appropriate.

Wilkinson managed to look more hangdog than ever, if that is possible, as his flourdering side were thrust into deeper waters by Nottingham Forest, the reaction of the crowd an underscore to the general sense of malcontent pervading Elland Road these days. Just one victory in nine matches has quickened the pulse for all the wrong reabe done and Wilkinson, since a humilitating defeat in the Coca-Cola Cup final, has recognised this and changed the ingrained habits of a lifetime.

Get this: his side has abandoned the Wilko-way. No more up and at em maximising of opportunity (Wilkosonspeak for the route one football that he has always felt comfortable with). Instead, he fielded a very young side yesterday and encouraged

them "to play a patient passing game" Forest, adept at that style themselves, offered a lesson in how it should be done. After trailing to an early Wetherall header, from a McAllister corner, they strolled through the rest of the game, scoring almost at will, even if Lee and

Campbell, the strikers, looked

slightly at odds with the rest of the technically admirable approach.

thus condemned Forest Leeds to their eighth home defeat of the season, their worst run under Wilkinson, and prompted Frank Clark, their manager, to call Forest's performance "possibly the best of the season in terms of passing and movement".

Cooper was presented with a simple opportunity to equalise after 18 minutes, again from a corner, and, before the interval, a sweeping move involving Gemmill and Stone presented Lee with a shooting chance that he accepted

gratefully.

After the break, Leeds reverted to more traditional style, but to no avail. Campbell chested down to Woan, who drove the ball into the

Palace in third place with four games to Blackpool, their nearest challengers, lost play. Transpere took a fifth-minute lead 2-1 at home to Rotherham United.

yards. A rout, seemingly on the cards, was averted largely because Lee also reverted to type, missing twice from within the six-yard box.

Wilkinson offered an honest, if judiciously edited, as-sessment afterwards. "It hurts, but, if I want to milk the cheers, then I have to accept the jeers," he said. "There is great expectation here and, when things go wrong, that turns to massive disappointment: but I have not lost my confidence. I'll take all the tests and 1'll pass them."

LEEDS UNITED (4-42): J Luico —
Radebe (sub Hatte, 48mm), JWetherst,
Palmer, G Kelly — A Gray, J Blurd (subWatson, 48), G McAlliser, G Speed —
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NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-4-2):
Crossley — A-! Hastond, C Coccar,
Cristile, S Pespos — S Stone S Genmill,
Barn-Williams, I Woon — K Campbel (su

For Torquay United, stranded at the foot of the third division, there was good

news and bad news. First, the bad news;

Plymouth Argyle won the derby at

Plainmoor 2-0. Then, the good news; Stevenage Borough, top of the Vauxhail Conference, walkoped Woking, their nearest rivals, 4-0. Stevenage cannot be

promoted if they win the Conference,

because of ground restrictions, so Tor-

quay may yet retain League status. The names of Venables, Hayles, Sodje and

Trebble were cheered loudly in Devon.

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ambition of place in Europe takes knock Tottenham Hotspur.....

Middlesbrough.....

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

TOTTENHAM Hotspur's European ambitions, of a coveted place in the Uefa Cup. appeared no more than a dream at White Hart Lane. That they struggled to see off Middlesbrough, a side no more than workmanlike, in the FA Carling Premiership. did not exactly enhance their chances, should they come up against the cream of the Bundesliga or Serie A.

Even when Armstrong put them in front, in the 8-1th minute, with his twentieth goal of the campaign, they still contrived to allow Whelan an equaliser two minutes later. At least Arsenal and Everton. Tonenham's main rivals for lifth place and a probable gateway to Europe, slipped to

deleat elsewhere. "We knew we needed to win and I was quite happy with the first-half display," Francis, the Tottenham manager, said. "When we went shead. I thought that would do it, but it was very disap-

pointing to concede the equaliser: very unprofessional." Tottenham dominated much of the first half, with Armstrong and Sheringham interchanging confidently up front and Rosenthal weaving his way along the left flank. It was deceptive, though, with Miller, making his first ap-

pearance in the Middles-

brough goal since August, mostly untroubled. in the second half, Tottenham's growing frustration degenerated into a rare obsession with the long punt forward. Walker, the goalkeeper, played an integral role, booming the ball upfield for anybody in a white shirt to

latch on to. Summerbell, 19, brought on for his debut, should have given Middlesbrough the ead. However, when faced with only Walker, he snatched his shot and sent it high over the crossbar. It proved expensive, soon after, with Arm-strong nodding in at the far post after Campbell had

flicked on Fox's corner.

Yet, Tottenham's all-round pathy quickly returned. Wilson twice cleared off the line in a frantic goalmouth mêlée, but Whelan stuck out a boot to guide in his first goal for the club. Next stop in the quest for Europe is Highbury on Mon-day. North London pride should at least guarantee that Tottenham produce a more impassioned performance.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2) I Walker — D Austin, S Nethercott, S Campbell, C Wayon — R Fox, J Dozzell, D Howels (sub: J Edinburgh, 88min), R Rosentral — E Shermpham (sub: S Slade, 88), C Amstrong.

MIDOLESEROUGH (5-3-2): A Maler — N Cox. D Whyle, N Paerson, P Whelan, C Flerning — R Mustice (sub: M Summerball, 40), C Hagnett, A Moore — Junetho, C Freeditte.

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Tottenham | Wednesday expose Arsenal's breach in security

Sheffield Wednesday..... 1 Arsenal , ,

By a Correspondent

AS IAN Wright testified on Saturday, the times really are a-changin' at Arsenal under the management of Bruce Rioch. Their performance yesterday emphasised that for a surprising reason — when did they ever look as vulnerable as this at the back?

While watching them struggle so conspicuously along the flanks against Sheffield Wed-nesday. It was hard to recall the formidable barrier that George Graham constructed around Adams. Bould, Dixon and Winterburn.

Injuries deprived Rloch of all but Lee Dixon of that quartet, but, although fit, Dixon was employed as a wing back and struggled to give impetus in attack as well as

cover the space behind him. It is true that Wednesday scored just once. Equally, Arsenal had at least as many chances on goal of one sort or another despite a subdued performance from Wright Yet, Mare Degryse's winner, after 61 minutes, his eleventh of the season, offered a micro-

cosm of Arsenal's problems. Whittingham found room on the right behind Helder and, as Marshall moved across from his position as the left of three central defenders. Whitingham cut inside the pair of them and pulled back for an unmarked Degryse to

shoot past David Seaman. Poor Helder had a torrid afternoon before being put out of his misery midway through the second half. As a replacement for Winterburn, Helder allowed Atherion and Whittingham far too much licence and, while Rioch might have expected that he could hardly have anticipated that his international winger would have such a negligible impact going forward as well.

Instead, most of Arsenal's best movements came through the middle, although even such talented players as Paul Merson and Dennis Bergkamp suffered from the general malaise on an afternoon characterised by inaccurate passing, even over short ange. Arsenal have to tighten up if they hope to qualify for the Uefa Cup.

Degryse might have scored a hai-trick. Twice. Seaman saved in one-on-one situations, while David Hirst vol-leyed just over the bar when Degryse crossed from the right after, surprise surprise. sneaking behind Helder.

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YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS

was on the horizon.

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

DERBY County can see the Promised

Land. It has been five years since they were there, many millions and many

tears have been spent trying to return,

but there were thousands at the Baseball

Ground yesterday who were convinced that, at last, the FA Carling Premiership,

Premier League, call it what you will,

A 6-2 demolition of Tranmere Rovers

lifted Derby to within three points of the

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Bell plans to ring changes as Leeds suffer another Super League defeat

St Helens again pack powerful punch

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

DEAN BELL left his seat at Headingley to the mournful strains of Yesterday. His troubles look as if they are here to stay. Nor was there a place for the Leeds coach to hide away. now that his side is bumping along the bottom of the Stones Super League after a third successive defeat.

Asked if he thought whether St Helens would still be leading the new competition at the end of the first summer rugby league season. Bell had his doubts. He is not writing Wigan off and neither are Si Helens. As to his own team's chances, Bell was sticking to his pre-season prediction of a top-four place, "I remain optimistic," he said.

This encounter underlined the differences between a team in transition and one that knows its abilities. Bell bases his hopes on imminent signings from overseas of a serum half, loose forward and centre, whereas St Helens have strength throughout a side of tremendous potential.

The try-scoring odyssey of Danny Arnold, 18, continued

three against Wigan. Even though Hunte, the former Great Britain wing, was fit again, he was put in at full back to allow Arnold to stay on the right flank. The teenager fully justified himself with a blistering 75-metre solo try to kill off brief Leeds resistance

early in the second half. For all the quicksilver in the back line, it is a redoutable pack that is proving St Helens's main strength, and Keiron Cunningham's maturity, vision and cunning around the rucks bely his 19 years. However, it is because Shaun McRae, their Australian cuach, demands perfection that St Helens are rising to new heights.

The concession of four tries did not impress him. "Our defence was nowhere neur as intense as it was against Wigan," he said, "but we will take the win. Three games in eight days at this level is not easy, but I am happy the players have got through this

For much of the first half, Leeds competed well enough, in spite of losing Harmon, who came off worst in a challenge un Perelini, being carried off with a neck injury.

Oldham press Paris

First tour event starts

with string of upsets

PARIS Saint-Germain clung their unbeaten Super League home record in dramatic style, scoring late in the game to carn a 24-24 draw against Oldham.

Paris were trailing 24-18 when Paul Atcheson, the Oldham full back, failed to clear a kick by Patrick Entat and Pascal Bornati, the right wing. nipped in to score. Patrick Torreilles, the hooker, converted to leave Oldham and Paris each with three points from their first three mat-

Open provided more than its

fair share of surprises to usher

in the sport's first professional

tour at Kettering yesterday

first tournament after becom-

ing the world No I, Chen Jing,

Seoul, lost in the women's

singles final, and Wang Tao

and Lu Lin, the Barcelona

gold medal-winners, lost in

the final of the men's doubles.

Schlager and Jindrak, the

greatly-improved Austrians,

to give Europe an unexpected

title, yet it was the same Wang

who brought down Saive 21-13, 21-13, 21-12 in the singles

semi-final, and led Kong

Linghui, the world champion,

by two games in a strangely

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Almost as soon as Wang.

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(Richard Eaton writes).

Francis Maloney proved inspirational for Oldham, with a penalty, a conversion

and a try.

Workington, however, are still chasing their first victory after Sheffield condemned them to another resounding defeat at Derwent Park. For an hour, Workington were in contention after clawing their way back from a 20-2 deficit to be within only four points, but Sheffield scored five tries in the final quarter to clinch victory as Workington ran

first try were swift. Cummins took advantage of a kind bounce to score, and Hassan skipped clear of Hunte in support of a break-out by Mann and Iro.

From 16-6 down, the inspirational Bobbie Goulding hauled St Helens back and ahead, first with a penalty and then with a sweetly-timed pass to unleash Hunte Sloppy defending allowed Northey in, and the third and fourth of Goulding's nine successful strikes at goal gave St Helens 20-14 lead at the break.

After Cummins got fingertips to an accurate kick ahead by Gleadhill early in the second period, home supporters in a near 12,000 crowd got briefly excited before Arnold's conclusive long-range try, the first of 26 points by St Helens

without reply.

When they occasionally managed to get out of the bottleneck in their half, Leeds suffered from bouts of dropsy. Goulding was quick to seize on the errors, a switch inside setting up Newlove and a similar move providing Mar-tyn with a further try. In hetween. Cunningham twisted out of the tackles of Howard and Anthony Gibbons to plunder another.

With an embarrassment of ball, St Helens inevitably got careless. Fallon went virtually the length of the field when Sullivan fumbled close to the Leeds line, Nowadays, Leeds are grateful for small mercies. SCORERS: Leader Trias: Curmins (2), Hacsan, Fallon. Goels: Holroyd (3), Curn-mins Bi Helens: Trias: Amold (2), Hunte, Northey, Newtone, Curmingham, Martyn Goels: Goulding (9)

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scoring prowess had done the

Things had looked promis-

ing, if tense, in the first half

with Hightown controlling the

match but unable to make a

Cullen struck her first after

damage in the second half.



Morley, the St Helens forward, needs two men to stop him at Headingley yesterday

the added consolation of carry-

The Spaniards went ahead

in the ninth minute when

iglesias converted a short

corner, but their joy was short-

lived with Williams levelling

within two minutes. Hall's

score in the 25th minute put

Guildford in the lead, but that

cancelled out a minute before

Guildford's lead, however,

with his first goal, in the 49th

minute, and added his second

five minutes before the end.

In a thrilling final, Durkheimer, of Germany,

drew 2-2 with HDM, the host

club, to send the match into a

penalty-stroke competition

which Durkheimer won 3-2.

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Hightown set gold standard

By Alix Ramsay and Sydney Friskin

TWO goals in ten minutes from Tina Cullen proved enough to give Hightown the gold medal in the women's European Cup Winners' Cup of hockey in Rotterdam yester-"It is difficult to compete day. Playing Berliner, the favourites and former Eurochampions, Hightown won the final 2-1 after Cullen's

Nevertheless, that best was disappointing, even though the results in both singles events may generate interest elsewhere in the world at the start of the inaugural ten-

it. Earlier in the tournament, she had beaten Geng Lijuan, the No 2 seed.

THE 61st English table tennis his early-ball hits and smashes behind his service, it faltered and Kong, without ever playing well, advanced to a 12-21, 14-21, 21-14, 21-14, 21-14

Jean-Michel Saive lost in his against a team-mate you play against so often," W We know each other too well. You can only do your best,"

> tournament tour. easily become a world or Olympic champion, won 21-14, 11-21, 21-16, 21-18 against Chen Jin, unleashing a towering toss on her service and a battery of flat attacks behind

breakthrough. At the start of the second half, however, the Yang Ying, who, at 18, could Germans launched an all-out attack on Carolyn Reid's goal and Hightown made the most of the extra space, catching them on the break. 51 minutes and the second with just over an hour gone. It brought her tally of goals to nine in four matches over the

weekend. Despite pulling one goal back with a penalty stroke from Katrin Kauschke, Berliner had too much to do. It is the second time that

Maggie Souyave, the Hightown player-coach, has u or the German favourites in Europe this season. In January, she coached England to victory over Germany in the final of the European indoor championships, the first time that Germany had lost the title.

This time, at club level, she would initially allow herself no more than cautious optimism as Hightown aimed for a medal. Now, the only thing left for Souyave and Hightown is their first national league title, which will be decided next weekend.

In the men's competition, Guildford ended their campaign in The Hague by winning the bronze medal. Two

Jansher keeps firm grip on precious title

late goals by lan Jennings from short corners sealed a 4-2 JANSHER KHAN underlined victory over Valdeluz, the the importance that he places on the Leekes British Open Spanish club, in the play-off for third place. Guildford had squash championship after winning his fifth successive лшап writes)

Jansher, of Pakistan, overcame Rodney Eyles, of Austra-lia, 15-13, 15-8, 15-10 in Cardiff and said: "I feel as if I have been playing the British Open for a month. The title is so important to me and to the whole of Pakistan. We have such a strong connection to its history.
The World Open is impor-

tant and I have to win the Pakistan Open, but the pressure from everyone in Pakistan when the British Open is coming is just so great." Michelle Martin, of Austra-

RUGBY LEAGUE

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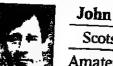
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First division

lia, lifted her fourth successive women's title by heating Sarah FitzGerald, her compatriot, 1-9, 9-5, 9-1, 9-7

Lighter Sherry weighing up expert evidence



John Hopkins finds his fellow Scots at Augusta offering the

Amateur champion wise counsel

Yordon Sherry had two aims when he eased his long legs out of bed in Augusta, Georgia, yesterday morn-ing. The first was to eat the cake baked to mark his 22nd birthday: the second was to familiarise himself with Augusta National golf club. The first was the greater challenge, for Sherry, like Colin Montgomerie, has gone slimline. The Amateur champion is still very tall,

but now much slighter, When Sam Torrance met him, he chided his countryman: "You're skinny." "Aye," Sherry replied,
"I've lost three stone. I was up to 20 stone. I did it by

dieting, by watching what I was eating. Watching it instead of eating it," Torrance interject-

ed. I did not do it by who is off Sin. said.

couldnae nan the length of myself." It was Sherry's first full day

at the US Masters, at the golf club made famous by Bobby Jones, the great amateur. He will not be staying in the Crow's Nest accommodation at the top of the white, wooden

clubhouse, which is available to visiting amateurs. "Beds are too small," Sherry said. "Open the door and you're out the window," orrance said.

The task facing Sherry is as big as his size 13 golf shoes. No British amateur has ever beaten par in any round at Augusta National, and only Peter McEvoy, in 1978, has survived the 36hole cut.

After rounds of 73 and 75. McEvoy was only seven strokes behind the half leader. His next two rounds were both 77 and he finished with a total of 302.

Yet no British amateur has arrived at Augusta with so many hosannas ringing in his cars as Sherry, who finished fourth in the 1995 Scottish Open and was the cornerstone of the victorious Walker Cup team at Royal Porthcawl. His warm personality has

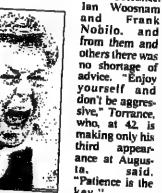
won him nearly as many friends and well-wishers as his golf, which drew praise from Tom Watson, Jack Nicklaus and Greg Norman at the Open at St Andrews last year. Although Sherry spent a

week in Spain earlier this year to practise on fast greens, and played at Peachtree and the Georgia golf clubs in Atlanta last week, the hard part is about to begin,

The Masters is a tournament that examines nerve as much as technique, stamina and skill. Drives have to be placed with pinpoint precision. Second shots must find exactly the correct part of the green and, as for putting, well, putting at Augusta is a tournament in itself,

On his first attempt at conquering Augusta's greens, which are traditionally among the fastest in the

world. Sherry can consider himself to have done well if he three putts only a few He played his first practice round with Torrance.



Sherry: hoping to

Montgomerie, who is playing here for the fifth time, said. "The winner always seems to take a double bogey, so don't worry. Never try to make a birdie, because that is when sixes and

sevens enter the equation." "Whatever you do, don't think it is too easy." Sandy Lyle, the champion in 1988. cautioned, "At first sight, it looks an easy course, no big deal. It has wide fairways and big greens, but that is when it grabs you.

"Be patient. It is a course that doesn't give you any ace and quiet. It does not allow you to get into a routine. You have to use your imagination and your brains."

Sherry has plenty of both. combining the deft touch that many big men have with the brains to have read biochemistry at Stirling University. He will turn professional next Monday, and enter his first tournament as a professional in Italy next month.

Meanwhile, he has a practice round with Watson pencilled in for today and one with Norman tomorrow. Gordon Sherry, it can be szid with some confidence. has arrived.

FOR THE RECORD

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BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Attanta 13 St Louis 3; Florids 7 Sen Francisco 14; Montreel 9 Calerado 1, Chicago 5 Los Angeles 4, Houston 2 San Diego 1 Calerado 1 Calego 1 Calerado 1 Calerad

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POOLSFORECAST Saturday April 13

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BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Forest Green v Conduitural ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Hendon v Worthing (7.45).

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Arsensi v Nomech (3 0); Charlton v Milwell (2:0); Cuoens Park, Rangers v Crystal Palace (at Harrow Borough, 7 0).

Second division: Cardiff v Newport AFC

Partick v Aberdeen

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE (7 0): First division: Derby County v Bimmigham Cay: Leeds Linited v Wolverhampton (at Halifax FC): Liverpool v Nottingham Fores: Shel-field Wednesday v Trammere Rovers: Second division: Carbotham Devers. leid Wednesday v Tranmere Rose Second division: Grimsby v Rotherhe Manstield v Coventry, Sunderland v Hull

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division: Horsham YMCA v Mile Ook,
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Hill v Leeds; Coventry v East Berkstire
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RUGBY LEAGUE . Stones Super League Halifax v Castlelord (7 30)

RUGBY UNION CLUB MATCH: Westen-super-Mare (Glamorgan Wanderers (7.30)

Tries: Carter, Fisher, Molfalt, Webber 3 Goals: Gray 3 Att: 6,069 RIFLE SHOOTING Widnes 40 Whitehaven 8 Widnes: Tries: Doverou, McCurro, Pochoy 2, Thomsey, Tyrer 2, Wight Goals: Tyrer 4. Whitehaven; Tries: Bacch 2 Att 2,748

BISLEY: Easier meeting: Short-range eggregate: 1. A Ogène (Wondsworth 359 43)xs; 2. S Pentoce (Slock Ecchange) 328 60; 3. A Ranger (Burningham University) 238 52: 15 shots at 900 yds; 1. M Wrigley (N London) 75 14, 2. Perrose 75.11, 3. A Clarke (ATPC) 75.11 Grand aggregate: 1. S Perrose (Slock Exchange) 548.89, 2. S Beither (Upponcham Veh) 545.85; 3. A Clarke (ATPC) 543 73 Long-range ag-Second division S Petriose (Sicol Exchange) 588.89, 2, 6 Belther Upponsham Vetr. 545.85; 3, A Clarke (ATRC) 543.73 Long-range ag-gregater 1, Penrose 202.9; 2, Clarke 219.24, 3 P Chence (Surreyl 218.26 British Fulfibone Rifle Club (300m); 1, A Pearce (Chobham) 590, 2, A Campbell (Bedford) 589; 3, J Hawarth (City of Oxford) 588 Carrista 42 Leigh 34
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TABLE TENNIS

KETTERING: English Open: Man: Singles: Quarter-finals: P Salve (Bel) bit Lu Lin (China) 21-10, 6-21, 19-21, 21-14, 21-13 Wang Tao (China) bit W Schlager (Austha) 23-25, 21-15, 21-16, 24-22, 21, 21-26, 22-20, (Gerjin bit Ma Wenge (China) 21-16, 22-20, 12-21, 21-15, Kong Linghtu (China) bit P

Aorbel (Cd) 15-21, 18-21, 21-17, 21-12, 21-13. Semi-limate: Wrang by Saive 21-13, 21-12, 21-19. Semi-limate: Wrang by Saive 21-13, 21-16, 21-11. Doublee: Semi-limate: W Scriager and K Jimdrak (Austrial by Aorg. Linghui and Ma Wrango (China) 19-21, 15, 21-19; Wang Tao and Lir Lin (China) 19-21, 15, 21-19; Wang Tao and Lir Lin (China) 19-21, 21-12, 22-13, 23-14, 23-21, 23-21, 23-21-24, 23-21, 23-21-24, 23-21, 23-21-24, 23-21, 23-21-24, 23-21, 23-21-24, 23-21, 23-21-24, 23-21, 23-21-24, 23-21, 23-21-24, 23-21, 23-21-24, 23-21-24, 23-21-24, 23-21-24, 23-21-24, 23-21-24, 23-21-24, 23-21-24, 23-21-24, 23-21-24, 23-21-24, 23-21-24, 23-21-24, 23-21-24, 23-21-24, 23-21-24, 23-21-24, 23-21-24, 23

SNOOKER PLYMOUTH: British Open: Semi-final: J Higgins (Scot) bit R O'Sullivan (Eng) 6-4

HILTON HEAD, South Carolina: Women's tournament: Pinal: A Sanchez Vicano (Sp) br B Peulus (Austria) 6-2, 2-6, 6-2 DAVIS CUP: Asia/Oceania Zone: Group one: New Zealand 3 South Korea 2

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Cochrane produces the grey Hard To Figure with a well-timed challenge to land the Quail Conditions Stakes at Kempton yesterday

Lucky Di looks full of promise the sheikh's departure. "Mr

By Julian Muscat

A LARGE holiday crowd left Kempton yesterday with the distinct impression that the Flat season had finally burst into life. Winners from the stables of Cecil. Chapple-Hyam, Dunlop and Cumani combined with the absence of overcoats to herald in the

Pride of place on the eightrace card went to Luca Cumani. The Newmarket handler, his yard once again housing horses of the Aga Khan, was in unusually optimistic voice after saddling the iour-year-old Lucky Di to win the Magnolia Stakes in a common canter. Cumani rarely drops his guard: it should pay to heed his upbeat assessment of the Diesis colt.

Lucky Di Inoked every inch a horse to conjure with after he reduced his 11 opponents to the chore of chasing his shadow. He is the type with which Cumani excels: a lightly-raced individual who has been given plenty of time to recover from injury. He is not one to dismiss lightly when graduating to a higher class.

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"I think this is a proper group horse," Cumani said on unsaddling his first winner of the season. "The only doubt was whether the horse was straight enough after his long absence. He injured a hind leg at Newbury last year so we decided to give him the rest of the year off."

Like Lucky Di, Smart Alec suffered through injury last year but the colt is progressing nicely towards his reappearance in the Earl of Sefton Stakes at Newmarket next week. Should Smart Alec retain the ability he showed in his two victories in 1994, Cumani will have plenty to anticipate while the Aga Khan's juveniles learn their

ABSALOM'S LADY gamely held off Back-

gammon by a head to capture the Welsh

she hasn't raced with any enthusiasm this

season." David Elsworth, the winning trainer,

said. "At her best she'd eat these for breakfast,

but she's been wrong and my confidence has

been shattered with her as usually I tell the

jockeys to hold her up. But today I told Tony

"We were talking about retirement for her as

Champion Hurdle at Chepstow yesterday.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: HOLY WANDERER

(3.40 Uttoxeter)

Next best: Eriny Meanwhile, Mons,

winner of the Royal Lodge

Stakes last season, is to reap-

pear in the Thresher Classic

Trial at Sundown later this month. Much though Cumani will relish the prospect of a lucrative scason, no man has a greater incentive to succeed than Henry Cecil. The reverberations over Cecil's much-

publicised divorce from the Sheikh Mohammed camp have yet to subside, but the ten times champion trainer was in ebullient form after Magnificent Style did full justice to her name in the opening City Industrial Supplies Maiden Stakes.

A powerful galloper, Magnificent Style races for the Buckram Oak Holdings company of Mahmoud Fustok, a major player in this country until he dispersed his string at the turn of the decade. But the Lebanese businessman has quietly returned to Britain

said. "and she should improve with Cecil very much his as the year goes on." chosen trainer. So continues Cecil's rebuildreported that Bosra Sham. ing programme in the wake of favourite for the 1.000 Guineas, is on target for the Fred

Darling Stakes at Newbury a Absalom's Lady takes honours week on Friday. Other noteworthy perfor-|Procter| to jump off and be up there," he

mances were put up by Samraan, trained by John Striking the front four out, the grey mare Dunlop, and Regal Archive, stayed on in determined style, sticking her from the fast-starting Peter head out on the run to the line to hold off Chapple-Hyam stable. The former will improve for step When asked if the mare would now be ping up to 12 furlongs, while retired, he replied: "You're a long time retired the latter showed a sharp turn and after that win we'll have to sit down and of foot over seven furlangs on his racecourse debut.

olds this year."

anxious to get the most from

the owner's Silver Dome, a

Derby fancy who heads for the

As for Magnificent Style,

Cecil believes the filly could be

a force in the Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot. "She is

a very backward sort," he

The Newmarket trainer also

same classic trial as Mons.

RACING AHEAD Robert Wright suggests the best value in the anto-post market

AND THE TOLDURY RENDER

YODAFONE DERBY Epson, June 6 GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

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An ente-post bet on the Derby at this time of the season is not always a sensible option. However, there are sound easons for taking an early interest in this year's renewal, rith cubatton marks over many of the market leaders: Alhazith is ridiculously short at 3-1 for a horse with serious stamina doubts. Mark Of Esteem and Beauchamp King, also both doubtful stayers, are not even entered at this

also both doubtful stayers, are not even entered at this stage, although they can be supplemented.

Last season's Derby wint to the beautisty bred Lammana, who had non just once as a juvenile. Two that it the bill this just are bushyanter and Sacho. Dushyanter won his only start — a backend made in the produced and is by champion site Saciets. Wells out of Calles numer up Slightly Dangerous, who has aboutly produced a string of top-class wirness, including Derby winness. Commander In Chief.

Commander-in-Crief.
Sacho was a fast-finishing risting up on the original start, behind Gilver Dome in a Newmander midden. He is another Sadier's Wells cott with the dam, Oh So Sharp, won the 1,000 Guineas. Oaks and St Leger. However, both Dushyantor and Sacho have much to prove. The best option now is to stay with a proved performer, and the one that stands out is the Luca Cumani-trained Mons. He put up an outstanding performance to win the group two Royal Lodge Stakes by five lengths, and can be forgiven his subsequent deteat in the Racing Post Trophy as he was unsuited by the slow early pace. A definite stayer, MONS makes plenty of appeal at 25-1 with Coral.

UTTOXETER

2.10 Far Out. 2.40 Wayfarers Way. 3.10 Just One Canaletto, 3.40 Dreams End, 4.10 Larry's Lord, 4.40 Country Star, 5.10 Vitaman, The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.10 LARRY'S LORD.

Going. Good to firm (Good in Places) TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.10 CENTRAL TELECOM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (52,141 2m 41 110yd) (18 namers)

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT This hand is from the 1996 BBL Premier League match between

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The traditional use of a cuebid over a pre-empt was to show a massive hand, usually two-suited. But the old use of

are not so high. In this auction West was full value for his Four Heart bid, which showed spades and a minor. When North continued the pre-empt by raising to Five Hearts. I clearly had to bid Five Spades. With no-one really knowing who had what. Senior made the practical bid of Six Spades. This had two

the bid came up rarely and now the standards required

North to save.
I think Glyn Liggins took the sensible course when he went to Seven Hearts. It was

things going for it — it might make, or it might induce

not stand up, and so he had no guarantee that Six Spades would fail. In practice Six Spades goes down if South leads a club, but makes otherwise - East can get rid of his losing clubs on West's fifth and sixth diamonds.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

PASQUINADE a. A sickly fruit drink b. A zareba of thorns c. A lampoon

KERYGMA a. Preaching b. A spot in the eye c. A yellow shrub

JOCKO

b. A chimpanzee c. A triple at shove-ha'penny JUD a. A slight vibration

b. A mass of coal c. A fluffed chip at golf Answers on page 33

a. An inebriated Scotsman

KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE

Brilliant Sacrifices

The tournament in Amsterdam, won jointly by Kasparov and Topalov was packed with brilliant sacrificial games. In today's first example Topalov overruns Timman with a devastating kingside attack, while in the second the Dutch grandmaster Piket finds a most ingenious way to undermine the defences around the white king.

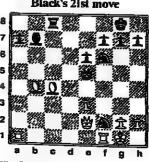
White: Veselin Topalov Black: Jan Timman Amsterdam, March 1996 Caro-Kann Defence

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White: Joel Lautier Black: Jeroen Piket Amsterdam, March 1996

Nimzo-Indian Defence C4 Nc3 Oc2 a3 Oxc3 7 Oc2 8 e3 9 Bd5 10 Nf3 11 0-0 12 b4 13 dxc5 14 Bb2 15 axb4 16 Bxc4 17 Oc2 18 Ne5 19 Ba3 20 Bx8 21 Bb4 bxc5 cxb4 dxc4 Rc8 Qb6 Qxb4 Qc2 Qxe5 Nxt2

Diagram for position after Black's 21st move



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WINNING MOVE

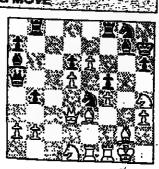
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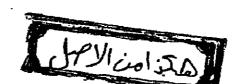
31 Oh6+ 32 Bg6+

continue?

White to play. This position is from the game, Alekhine Fletcher, London, 1928 Black has just skewered the white queen on d3 skewered the white rook on 0.
However, Alekhine had seen this
coming and had a marvellous
refutation planned. How did he

Solution, page 33





Feathered Gale has Sandown in sights

CORRESPONDENT AT FAIRYHOUSE

JODAMI reserved his best performance of the season so far for the Jameson Irish National at Fairyhouse yesterday but he was denied another valuable victory in Ireland by Feathered Gale, who gave Arthur Moore his first success in this event as a trainer.

Moore won the race as a jockey on Kings Sprite in 1971. and he was clearly every bit as

BIG-RACE RESULT

Going: good 3.55 JAMESON IRISH NATIONAL CHASE (Handicap Ir562,700: 3m 5f) CHASE (Handicap Int Soc. 700: 3m 5f)

1. FEATHERED GALE (F Woods, 8-1),

2. Jodani (M. Dwyer, 5-1 tav); 3. Cool
Dawn (C O'Dwyer, 15-21: 4, Go Go
Gallant (C O'Wyer, 15-21: 4, G G
Gallant (C O'Wyer, 15-21: 4,

delighted yesterday and; as with Klairon Davis at the Cheltenham Festival, placed his trilby hat on Feathered Gale's head, amid raucous cheers, in the winner's

enclosure, This is an ambition fulfilled. I have had so many placed horses in the race, including this fellow who was a gallant third last year. But the ground was perfect for him today and he is a better horse



Feathered Gale jumps ahead of Jodami at the last on his way to an emphatic victory at Fairyhouse yesterday

now than he was last year," Moore said.

Feathered Gale, who won by eight lengths, looked to be in trouble after making a mistake five out. At this stage, the race looked to be between Jodami, who had been backed

down to 5-1 favourite. Fergie Sutherland's Go Go Gallant and the Rubert Alner-trained Cool Dawn, who had set a furious pace for much of the

However, on the turn for home, Cool Dawn began to weaken and Francis Woods drove Feathered Gale up to challenge Jodami.

Woods said: "I was always niggling and three fences out I thought the best I could do was to be placed, but he then seemed to get a new lease of

life and from the second last he just ran away from them." Moore said that Feathered Gale is a probable runner for the Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown on April 27, when he could well clash with Jodami

Mark Dwyer was confident Jodami would win turning for home but reported that the horse got very tired. "He ran a blinder and it was a great training performance by Peter Beaumont to bring him back after all his problems," Dwyer added.

Cool Dawn ran a fine race for Conor O'Dwyer, who re-placed owner Dido Harding in the saddle. They led on touching down over the first and remained prominent, "He tore over the next few fences as well and he gave me a super ride," O'Dwyer said. "I have no excuses and the horse really enjoyed it. He is better than a hunter."

Ainer said that Cool Dawn is not yet finished for this term. This is only his third race of the season so we will sit back and see what we can find for him. Conor gave him a lovely ride and let him do his own thing," Alner said.

Norman Conqueror, the

Queen Mother's first runner

in Ireland for 25 years, was in contention to two out but cracked a bone in his near-fore knee and was pulled up by Tommy Treacy. The injury requires pinning and an operation will be carried out locally

Richard Dunwoody was stood down for the rest of the meeting after taking a heavy fall from Lord Singapore the big race, but he will be fit to ride Ventana Canyon in today's Power Gold Cup. Dwyer will also be staying on at Fairyhouse to ride the Jimmy Fitzgerald-trained Nijmegen in the Bisquit Cognac Handicap Hurdle.

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2.50 CROSSLEY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,574, 2m) (8 runners)

ong handicap Another Red 9-8, Checks 9-8. BETTING: 9-4 Newtands-General, 2-1 Isseen, 7-2 One For The Pat. 5-1 Sunce bile, 6-1 Radius Star, 10-1 Another Red, 18-1 advan

1995; FLEL OPPASSE 5-10-13 (Yayes 114-1) P Calver 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

NEWLANDS-GENERAL beat Pointo Man 31 in 6-trumer Newczele handicząc chase (2m 110nd; self) with SSSVM (db beiter off) 13 3rd and ONE POR THE POT 15 NI 5h POPESHALL 10VII 3d at 7 to Noyal Jester in Nebeo hander chase (3m 11, imm), May 9. ONE POR THE POT Deat Bettime 15 in 5-numer chase (2m 12 and 12 to Noyal Jester in Nebeo hander chase (3m 11, imm), May 9. ONE PORT THE POT Deat Bettime 15 in 5-numer in handicap chase at Ayr (2m, good to time)

3.20 MONTAGU HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,115: 2m 4/ 110yd) (6 runners)

Long francisco: Carabel: Dencer 9-9, Majority Major 9-8 BETTING: 5-4 Estaclim. 3-1 Camello, 9-2 Winte Willow, 8-1 Sunday Hears N'Echo, 20-1 Majorly Mayor 1965: CALL MY GUEST 5-11-7 E Callegian (2-1 lest J Fizzyeold 7 no.

FORM FOCUS

3.50 wetherby novices national handicap ch

(£7,168; 3m 50; (8 runners) 1 23-1313 CELTIC TOWN 36 (BF,F,S,S) (Lidy Helen Smith) O Sherwood 8-11-7 J A McCarthy 88
2 143722 BEAUREPAIRE 10 (BF,G,S) (Perture) Partners, R Alna 8-11-5 ... A Thornton 96
3 13F136 THE BUD CLIB 24 (B,F,B) (The Bus Che Broup) A Bealty 8-11-3 W McFartand 94
4 322114 ALY DALEY 27 (B,F,S) (M 10bm) J Johnson 8-10-2 ... Mr C Bonnes (3) 80
5 503-22 CDOL WEATHER 8 (P Alchorson) A Thornton 12-10-0 ... D Partner (3) 90
5 503-22 CDOL WEATHER 8 (P Alchorson) Partnership J Olive 9-10-0 (max) B Storby 90
7 200-421 HOWCLEICH 8 (P) (The Hoselbuch Partnership J Olive 9-10-0 (max) B Storby 90
8 430-605 AVLESBURY LAD 30 (Expr. of Inte R Lemb) D Lamb 7-10-0 ... A Lamesh (3) 73

Long tentilings: Geograp 9-13, Cont Washer 9-12, Honoleuch 9-11 Aylachury Lad 8-12, SETTING: 11-4 Beauteparte: 3-1 Honoleuch, 7-2 Aly Daley, 4-1 Cool Washer, 6-1 Color Town, 8-1 The Bud Club, 12-1 others.

1985: SNOCK POINT 6-10-2 Mr A Manners (10-11 D Lamb 7 can

FORM FOCUS CRITIC TOWN best Donnier Colloriges 44 in 17namer Ultionier novice chairs (3m 24 good) pendfinate start. BEAUREPARRE 21 good) pendfinate start. BEAUREPARRE 21 good) pendfinate start. BEAUREPARRE 21 good 6 for Full OI
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chairs (3m 28 110pd, good) with BEAUREPARRE
(37th more off) fill and head 4h, Jan 95, ALY
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4.20 INGMANTHORPE NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amaleurs: £1,488 3m 110yd) (10 runners)

SETTING: 11-4 The Major General, 7-2 Coppur Thissile, 4-1 Cot Lane, 5-7 Durham Hornet, 7-1 Declar, 8-7 Jassiu, 12-1 Infrats. 1995: COUNTRY TARROGEN 6-11-7 N Wilson (4-5 bar) T Visitori 9 red

COPPER THISTLE, completed double, best Same Berns 3 to 3-numer Horsehalth open (good to shim). COT LANE best Orzan Riscs 101 m 5-numer horsehalth open (good to shim), whench is 100 m 5-numer should be shim best (soft) pendifurnation start. DEDAY 1991 2nd of 9 to Wadding in Newtrastic hundre class (Sm., good to soft), 3ASRU 1) and need 3rd of good to soft), 3ASRU 1) and need 3rd of 3rd of 11 to Just Charlie in confined at Charm.

Selection: COPPER THISTLE

4.50 BILTON HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,880 2m) (6 numers)

1 1-31503 DOWN THE FELL 11 (CD.F.B.S) (J. Johnson) J. Johnson 7-12-0 Mr. C Beaner (3) 95 2 4-00434 COOL LUNG 18 (CD.B.F.S) (B Baley) 6 Moore 7-11-7 J. Callegrism 91 3 6-130/R FARR AND FANCY 28 (D.B.S) (F. And F. Pathestshoji Miss M. Milligan 5-11-5 R Guest 96 6 653310 SHINNIG EDGE 22 (CD.F.) (6 Bertam) 7 Eastarby 4-10-13 Rearthy 5 5 321FF1 CENTAUR EDPRESS 18 (D.B.S) (Cleraur Racag) A Streets 4-10-12 ... T Early (8) 6 252-210 SHREWD JUNN 32 (D.F.G) (R E Woodhquse) A Woodhquse 10-16-1 P Miyer BETTING: 2-1 Centaur Express, 5-2 Shining Edge, 7-2 Cool Luke, 4-1 Down The Fell, 16-1 Stream John, 33-1

1995: LITTLE BROWLEY 8-10-18 Mr A Manners (5-1) A Eubank 10 Jan

DOWN THE FELL 65:1 3rd of 16 to Dotset to Airbest transferage hundle (2m 44, good) COOL. LINCE 65:1 4th of a local Line in Makes handle (2m, good) to firm) perultimete start CENTAUR COMPLETS beat Handles Shall for the cool for the cool firm) beautions in the firm of the cool for the cool firm of the firm of the cool for the cool

5.20 RACING CHARMEL HOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £2,705: 2m 4l 110yd) (13 runners)

BETTWEE 9-4 Provides, 3-1 Railite, 4-1 High Leavie, 9-2 Detroit Davy, 12-1 Smart Approach, 14-1 Element Ol Rist, 16-1 Leap in The Dark, 20-1 others. 1005 NO CORRESPONDED CONSION

FORM FOCUS

HIGH LEARIE, best recent offort, 301 6th of 20 to Act Of Faith on novince harder at Accord (2m 4), good to softly. PUREVALUE neck and 3451 3rd of 14 to Executive Design in Mouscastin movines. Namidican handle (2m, soft) with RALITSA (7th better off, 1994) 10th DETROIT DAVY 101 4th of 10 to Wise.

RESULTS FROM 16 BANK HOLIDAY MEETINGS

Kempton Park

Goling: good 1.40 (1m 2) 1. Magnificent Style (W.P.)van, 6-1); 2. Migwer (20-1); 3. Amhern (13-2) Pitvate Song 11-10 Jav. 15 ran 8, ns. H Cacil. Total \$7.90; 12-40, 23-40, 61-40. DF: 568.90 Trio: \$7000 CSF: £110-21. 2.10 (7) 1. Regis Archive (J Reid, 9-4 tev); 2. State Of Causion (7-1); 3, 2,990 (18-1), 17 ran, 141, 141 P Chapole-Hyart, Tota; 23.00; £16, 12.70; £3.40 DF £15 90 Trio; 222.90 CSF; £18.19.

2-2-2-3 GSF: 227-3,9.
2-40 (im 25 1, Sammean (W Caraon, 8-1); 2.
Clarkstravelt (6-1); 3. Barranica (14-1). Paver Captain 5-1 inv. 14 ray. 154; 254; J.Dundon, 1019; 253-30; 22.50; 25.50; 25.50. DF: 223.10. Tric: 2565.50 (part won: pool of 253-87 carried loriespi to 2-40 at Littorate locals). CSF: 257-47. 3.10 (67) 1, Hand To Pigure (R Cophrane, 11-2; 2, Easy Dollar (5-1); 3. The Puzzier (11-4 (sp.) 6 ran. Hd. 11-1, R Hodges. Total (8.90, 6.230, 52.10. DF: \$14.50. CSF. \$27.6);

227.61; 3.40 (Im 2); 1, Hazard A, Guess (R. Cockyane, 10-1); 2, Special Dean (7-1 k-lay); 3, Hendy Damon (25-1); 4, Sesuciamp Jude (16-1); Sherr Ouncig 7-1 k-lay, 19 man. MP, Stotelick; 31, 31, D. Nicrollek, Totel 512.20; 52.60, 25.20, 54.40, 0.170, DE: 54.40 (17-5) Supply (16-5) (75-7); 3, Tupper

END2.78. CSF. \$75.75. THESE C1,801.82: (1m 2f):1; Lucky DI (M HBs, 11-2); 2, -8m; Selection (68-1); 3, Captain Horshus (5-1), Medalle Mittain 9-2 lav, 12 mn, 3, 8, L'Cumeni, Tota: £7.80; 22.50, £9.50; £2.10. DF: £410.70, Thio: £1,048.80, C\$F: £217.78.

DF-E410.70. This 21,048.90. CSF-E217.79.
4.45 (87) 11. Latching (J. Paid., 12-1); 11.
8eigneuria: (A. Clerik. 12-1); 3. Face The Future (R-1); 4. Mister Johann (20-1). Amos 5-1 B-law. 25 nan. Dd-Int. 40. R-Librison Houghbor. G. Hawwood. Tote: Seigneuria: E4.40. Latching. 25.00. Seigneuria! E4.40. Latching. 25.00. Seigneuria! E4.40. Latching. Seigneuria! Latching. Tross: Especialis. Latching. Feb. The Future E410.65; Latching. Seigneurial. Face The Future E410.65; Latching. Seigneurial. Face The Future E410.65. 5.15 (70 1, Thea S) Harrison, 7-2); 2, Civil Liberty (7-4 hsty): 3.Freequent (10-1) 18 ran. 41, 21, J. Farshawa, Tote: 35-40; 61,70, 51,50, 22-90, DF: 26:10, Trio: 213,70; CSF-E11, 15.

LTT 75.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £19,705.02 carried forward to Uttoxater today). Placeput 1750.40: Quedpot £107.60.

Newcastle Going: good (good to firm in pieces)

2.25 (1m) 1, Green Bopper (G Faulture, 13-2): 2, Terdad (9-2): 3, Elle Force (7-1) Serendipity Evens Inv. 12 nn. 2, 2, M Bell 108: 512-90: 52-90, 51 70, 52-10. DF: 522-20 Trio 581.90 CSF: 538.68. DF: 5(6) 80 CSF: 5(6) 81.

3.55 (1m) 1, bance Of Joy (A Colgan, 33-1); 2, No Submission (8-1); 3, Langtonian (20-1); 4, Shareotitheaction (33-1) Bellard (ady 7-2 ji-lay 13 ran, NF; 10 Prove A Port. M, 4, J Car. Totac SS 10; 53-40, £1.80, £3.70, £9.90, DF: £312 10, Thot £277.30 (part worr; pool of £342.74 camed forward to 2.40 at Uniqueter today), CSF £386.28, Tricast £5.087.22.

2.505 (26) 1, 13/26 (N Varley, 13-2); 2, Plumi Pirat (8-1); 3, La Suquet (20-1); 4, Captan Carat (8-1), Stuffed 4-1 (av. 19 ran 'el, 21, J Eyre, Tote, 28, 70; 21, 80, (22.30, 25.90, 22.30, DF: 233.20, Trio: \$196.50 CSF 283.62, Tricast: £548.33. 203.52. Incest: £549.33. 4.25 (1m 4/93y0) 1, Athenry (G Bardwell, 1-2 tay), 2, Dissilowed (3-1); 3, Pher Closer (33-1) 5 ren. 101, 251, J Pearce, Total: £1.70; £1.10, £2.30 (DF £2.20, CSP £2.75)

E1.10, E2.30 DF E2.20, CSF E2.75
4.55 (7) 1, Master Charter (K Fallon, 6-1);
2, Barral of Hope _114-1); .3, Seperush Roller (8-1); 4, High Premium (6-1);
Scaraban 5-1 by, 20 ran, 3/k, 11, Mrs J Remoden Tote (8:10, 5:1 80, 52 70, 53.10, 22.70, DF: E84.30, Tho E25.70 CSF: E94.19 Tileast: £657 11.

Placepot: £108.30. Quadpot: £24.50,

Going: good to firm, good in places

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2.20 - (St. 1340) 1, Folly Foot Fred. (S. Drowne, 8-1), 2, Dencing-Star (9-1); 3, Chilled Wine (33-1), 1 Carl's Remember 7-4 fav. 8 ran. NFt. Tinker's Suprise 11, 141 B. Matinian. Total: £12.40; £19.0; £19.0; £19.0; £3.90. OF-£80.40. Tinor £84.00 (part won; pool of £72.21 carried forward to 2.40 at Utionsitis today) CSF-£72.36. today) CSP 472.96.
2.50 (51 13yd) 1, Rond Embrace (J Weaver, 11-2); 2, Pride Of Britton (Evens tay); 3, Watch The Fire (7-2), 11 ran, NR. Play The Turne, Spirit Of Sport, NI, 11/41 H Candy, Tote: 05 80; £1.30, £1.10, £2.30, DF, £4.90. The £10 10, CSF, £13.72.

Trio 1:10 10. GSF. £13 72.

3.20 (6) 15y0) 1, Double Spiendour (G Duffield, 9-2 inv); 2, Cretan Git (5-1); 3, Bargash (7-1); 4, Mustr't Grumble (Nd-1); 17 fan MR. Prime Property. 41 P Felgale. Toke: £530: £1.40. £1.80, £3.10. £2.70. DF: £25.90. Tro: £206.10. GSF: £2.74. Tricasi: £169.00.

3.50 (im 11 213yd) 1, General Macarthur (G Duffield, 6-1); 2, Nabhaan (8-1); 3, Montscristo (8-1); No Cliches 9-4 (av 12 ran Ns, 1941, J Dunlop, Tota 99.30, 52.70, 21.80, 52.00 DF; 536.60 Trio: \$105.30 CSP \$65.06. Tocast

4.20 (fm 8i 15)cl) 1, Siege Perilous (A Whetan, 4-1); 2, Dancing Cavaficr (3-1); 3, Influence Pedier (71-1). Ballos 5-2 lav. 10 ran 151; 5, 3 Williams Tota: E7-70; E1 90, E1-70, E2 90, DF £16, 70. Tro: E83, 30, CSF-E43, 53. Thoast: E129, 31 Allemo, Mist Inistrad second, but after a stewards inqury was disqualitied and placed last Houry was assurance and placed last 4.50 (Im 54yd) 1, Whiston (S Drowne, 25-1); 2, Cense (16-1), 2, Whispang Dawn (7-2 lav); 4, Floria Shann (16-2), 19 ran NR: Briganons, 4-), hd, 19 shell 17-0; E48 50, 25 30, £5 00, £1 40, £2.50, DF: £244.90 The: not won upod of £265.30 carried forward to 2-40 ar Unicariar today) CSF: £417.05, Tircues £1,570 13.

Placecot: 6809.90. Quarteet: 642.91.

Warwick Goling: pood

2.35 (1m 2 169yd) 1. Hand Of Strew Pl Adams, 10-1); 2, Denormation (16-1); 3, Locontondo (10-1); Densepel 3-1 fer, 12 ran, 16, 16, P Marphy Totar E13/70; 23.60, £3.30, £3.20 DF; £924.80. Titor not won (pool of £217.83 carried (orward to 2.40 at Ottosster today). CSF; £147.93. Treatic £1,510.89.

CT,510.88.

4.08 (Im 4I 115yd) 1, Bulle's Boy (T Sprake, Evens law; 2, Four Weddings (11-4); 3, Shamend (12-1), 7 ran. 6, 2.W B Palling Tota: 22.30; 61 60, 62.00. DF: 22.80 CSF; 64 63. 4.35 (7) 1, Walton Arannai (R) Hughes, 5-1): 2, Pengamon (7-1): 3, Decorated Hero (3-1): 1 Hoh Magic Evens Inv. 8 nan. Nt. 31, M Channon. Totle: 27-40; 21.50, 21.70, 21.50. DF: 221.80. CSP £38.81.

C. 21 90. Caff 236 61.

Chacked Hai (8-1); 3. Perraco (33-1); 4.
Socret Miss (33-1). Lice 11-2 fav. 20 fan. 14.
Socret Miss (33-1). Lice 11-2 fav. 20 fan. 14.
28 6b. Jones. Tots: £10 40; 22.20, 22.00.
£13.20, £21.90 DF: £55.90. Tifo: not won jood of £529.99 carried forward to £40 at 150 office foday). CSP: £38.23. Treast

Piscopot: 2701.80. Quadpot: £127.10. Chepstow

Going: good to îsm



Cochrane: Kempton double

2.30 (2m 110yd hdie) J. Absalom's Lady (A Procter, 5-1); 2. Backgammon (9-2), 3, Rubhahunen (14-1) Cifhon Beel 6-4 tav. 7 ran. Hd. 41. D Esworth. Tota: 25.00; 22.70, 22.30. DF. £17.80. CSF £27.00. 2.00 (Sh. ch) 1, Buck William (P. Hide, 13-2); 2, Send Floga (9-2); 3, Mr Flansgan (9-4)-fav) Straght Talk 9-4 (I-law 6 ran 194; 5; J Gifford, Tota: £5 80; £1.80, £2.70. DF £16 80 CSF; £32.66. E16 80 CSF: E32.68.

3.30 (2m 4f 110yd hole) 1, Wedada (D J Burchell, 9-1); 2, Jenzsoph (5-2); 3, Test Metch (6-1) Nordic Valley 7-4 fav. 10 ran, 3l, 9l D Burchell, Total, £12.40; £1.80, £1.80, DF: £21.10 CSF: £31.88 21 80. DF: 221.0 GSF 23 68
4.00 (2m a) 110(d ch) 1, Blanck Church (D o'Sulfivan, 7-1); 2, Berau Babilland (15-2), 3, Channel Pastime (8-1) Tudor Pacide 2-1 fev 9 ran, NF. Mr. President, 31, 41, R. Rowel. Tote: 28 40; 22.50, 22.70, £1.70, DF: 20.30 CSF; £56.37, Tricast; £401.84 201.00 CST: Land 8. Image: 2401.09
4.30 (2m of 110)d hdle) 1. Lead Vocalist (0
O'Suñven, 15-8); 2. Roogil (11-4); 3.
Bayanyka (13-8 lay) 4 ran. NR: Suprame
Mester K.I. 8. R. Rowe. Tota: 22.80 DF:
23.80, CSF: 27.18.
Placepot: 2729.10. Quedpot: 2972.10.

Carlisle

2.20 (2m 1fhdic) 1. MRI Thyme (G Cahil, 5-4 ian); 2. Lawel Edge (10-1); 3. Wild Rose Of York (7-4) 12 rsn. NR: Carolines Phinciss, 3, 2. Mrs. M Roveley, Toler, £2.50; £1.50, £4.00, £1.20. DF £22.60 CSF; £14.13. Going: विता 2.50 (2m of 1100d ch) 1. Delcoman (L. O'tsra, 25-1), 2. Showwell (2-1 fac); 3. Brair's Delight (9-4), 7 ran (4), 5. J Bitter. Totar (28.40; 5.20, £1.60 DF: £44.50 CSF. £71.26. CSF. E71.28. 3.20 (3m 41 110 yd hdle) 1, Manter Sandy (3 Soroy, 4-5 fevt; 2, Dand's Way (7-4), 3 J'Accuse (25-1), 10 ran 18, 375, 8 Macteggert, Tole. E2.10, £1.40, £1.10, £3.60, DF: £2.00, CSF: £2.85. 3.50 (3m ch) 1, Go SBy (G Cshill, 4-1); 2, Cerousel Rocket (11-4 (4-by); 3, Sheigue Fort (4-1), Grend Scentor 11-4 (4-by), 5 ran. 121, 81 (9 Elisan Toler £4 00; £2.00, £2.10. DF: £8.90 CSF £14 84. Un: 28 90 CSP C14 84.

4.20 (2m 11 hole) 1. Well Appointed (F. Perrstt, 9-2), 2. Urban Dancing (10-1); 3. Saver Status (7-1) Gerungle 9-4 tax. 10 rats. St. 81. B Mactaggari Total 64 90; 61.90, 63.40, 62.30 DF, 633.20 CSF, 645.05. Trigast 5287 71 10 45 5.20 (2m fi liat) 1, Archic Bendy (S Molrose, 5-1): 2, Dietern Häls (6-1), 3, Grand Cru (6-1) My Busher oversit hiv 14 ran 6, 31 J Oliver Tote CS 10; 22 10, E1 80, E2 30, DF E16 90 CSF E36 77.

Placepot: 857.80. Quadpot: 254.10, Fakenham

Gaing: good

2.30 (2m hole) 1, Pair Of Jacks (D Ford, 5-2 lav). 2, Jave. Shrine (3-1), 3, Highly Reputable (11-2), 10 ran 11, 61 Thisughton, Tole (23.10; E1 10, C1 90, 52.50 DF E3 90 DDF C10 40 Tricaut: E34 00 3.05 (2m 5 110yd ch) 1, Privatal (Mr M Armylage, 3-1); 2, Lantern Pire (3-1); 3, Burnwol Bobbe (6-2) On The Beer 2-1 lov. 11 ran. 251, 41 G McCount. Tole. 24.50, E1.50, E1.70, E2.20, DF. E1.700, CSF-E1.6,74

3.40 (2m 41 hdiel 1, Vizarov Ruler (D Signma, 7-2), 2, Lotty Dead (8-1); 3, Wordy's Wonder (7-1) Nessun Doto 2-1 tav. 8 ran 2, 8 J Junkurs 1764; 25-60; 22.00, 22.00, 22.20 DF 237-90 CSF 11.75 Tricast \$1,80.26 4.15 (2m) 110yd ch) 1, Timber's Boy (Air R GB, 7-17, 2, Faringo (4-1 j. tav); 3, Wisson (4-1 j.-tav) 11 ran. Det, 10t. B Clark, Tota: 511,90; 52.80, 52.40, 52.60. DF: 521.40. CSF: 640.93.

CSF: 640.90. 4.50 (2m St 110pd ch) 1, Craciding Frost phr R Weldey, 20-1): 2, Magsood (8-1); 3, Time Enough (5-1). Uncle Set 6-4 km, 7 sm St ha, 1 Jul. Jul. D Helms, Tone 118.10; 64.00, 53.80. OF: \$188,60 CSF: \$152.98 5.25 (2m hole) 1. Poly Amanshus (0 Silymus, 6-1); 2. Fan Terner (4-1); 3, Trouvalle (3-1) Bistant Outburst 5-2 (av pu), 8 rar. 8, 294. M Banks, Tone £11 50; 52.40, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £29.90. CSF £36.45. Tricate: £86.49 Pleaspot £753.80. Quadpot: £122.10.

Hereford Boing: good to firm, illm in pla 2.90 (2m 1f hdis) 1, inclish Jockey (F. Ferrard, 11-10 land; 2, Cyns. The Great (5-4), 3, Tap On Tootsee (8-1), 8 ran. 6, 111 M Proc. Toler 52-20, 51-20, 51-30, 51-90 DF: \$1.90, CSF: \$2.94 3.06 (2m St chi 1, Ferniller Friend (Mr L Ley, 9-2); 2. Squarreliscaughter (3-1 fev); 3. Enchanted Man (14-1). 12 ran. NR Treyford. 21, 151, S Gérnare, Tota: 55 30; 52.10, 53 40, 63 30 DF. 65.80 CSF E17.78

2.40 (2m 1/1 110)ol ch) 1, Wrekengale (R. Fanorit, 13-6 (2m), 2, Visaga (3-1); 3, Jason's Boy (5-1); 8 ran 1/4 (5), Mr. J. Pamen, 101; 23-0; 21.50; 4-15 (3m 2) hole) 1, Toekano (M Clarka, 12-1): 2, Forcing Two (2-1 lav); 3, Spe kelly (25-1) 16 ran. 8, 10t. D Williams. Tote: 528.50; 547.0, \$1.90, \$7.10. DF \$44.70. CSF: \$41.01. 4.50 (zhr. ch) 1. Bone Better (N. Menn, 11-8): 2. Hewellen Sem (11-10 lev), 3. Rawenspur (50-1) 7 ren 1%1, 201. S. Mellor. Tote: E2.20; £1.10, £1.90. DF: £2.00 CSF: £3.19

5.25 (2m 3f 110yd hdie) 1, Bright November (C Lieuellyn, 7-4 bar); 2, Hean Ct Spein (6-1); 3, Colvisi (12-1); 17 rm, NR-len's Bid, 51, 1el, Mrs H Parrott, Toto 12-80; 51,70, 52-50, 54-40, DF, 57-80, CSF; 514 (62 Tricast Quadrot: £1,30. Placepot: SS,10.

Huntingdon

Going: itm 2.00 (2m 110yd hdie) 1. General Jimbo (K Gaule, 8-2); 2. Forgettul (5-2 lav); 3. Colway Princs (6-1) 8 ran Hd, 1% F Murphy Tota: 28 60; 22.00, 51 60, 21 80, 0F £17.30. CSF: £16.39, 7/rcsst; £53.84 230 (2m 110/d ch) 1, Star Of Devid IA Ryan, 7-1); 2, Fierce (6-4); 3, Winspil (Evens lav) 5 (an. IA), 191, Miss A Embinous Tote: 55.90; £1.90, £1.40. DF: £7.90 CSF: £18.20. C1820. 3.00 (2m 5i 110)rd halio) 1. Strong John (K Gaule, 11-4), 2. Plaio's Republic (10-1), 3. Chicago's Best (6-4 j-tsw). Pyramic Princo 6-4 j-law 4 ran 1%, dat. G Hubbard. Totar 23.00. DF: £8.60. C5F: £19.16.

3.90 (2m #1 110yd ch) 1, Armata (L. Aspet, 3-1); 2, Manarae (4-5 tav); 3, Young Pokey (2-1), 3 ran. NR: Puntan. St., dat. J. Gallard. Tota, £3.30, DF. £1.90, CSF: £5.71. 4,05 (2m St 110yd hdle) 1, Pe D'Or (L Aspell, 5-2 lay); 2, Limosa (7-1); 3, Tifles (9-2) 10 ran. Wi, 7t. J Gifford, Tosa E3,70; 51 80, 5220, 61.80. DF. 913 40. CSF. 121 65.

4.35 (3m ch) 1, Solo Gent (1. Aspnat, 1-2 lav); 2, Reincheck (10-1); 3, Thibasan (13-2) 4 ran. 151, 261. A Jones. Tota: £1.50. DF: £5.40 CSF £5.42. 5.05 (2m 110yd fat) 1, Swynford Pride (L. Asphrail, 13-8 lav); 2, Berrie Sir (100-30); 3, Chief Gate (16-1) 8 ran. NRT Maggie Streit 19(, 6, 1) Bottorniey Tote: 22-80; 51-30, 52-30, 52-60. OF 58-20 CSF; 58-53 Placepot £209.50. Quedpot £58.20.

Market Rasen Going: good to firm, good in places 2.18 (2m 1) 110yd hdio) 1, Rudi's Pride (N Smith, 9-2); 2, Lagatee (9-1); 3, Just For A Reason 2-1 favi, 9 and 4, 4 S 6el Tote: 27.10; £1.80, £1.80, £1.20 DF £83.70, CSF £43.68.
2.45 (2m 31 110yd hdie) 1, Stingsby (hr. J Cutick, 11-10 fev); 2, Monymen (3-1), 3, Philharmone (10-1). 14 can NR Flower Of Nap. 2, 2, 1 Mas H Knoth. Tote: £2.20; £1.40, £1.50, £2.40; DF. £2.40, CSF; £6.24. 3.20 (2m 1/110yd cty) 1, Bally Person (4r J Culton), 10-1); 2, Russic Air (5-6 lev); 3, Super Yucher (8-2), 5 min 1 1/1, 51 R Dicken. Tote, £13.90; £2.80, £1.50 DF £3.00. CSF: £20.24.

2.50.54. 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Grounstrian (Mr. J. Culloty, 11-2); 2, Nordic Sun (5-1); 3, Brambleberry (7-2), Tom Bredle 3-1 fav. 12 ran. 6l. 12 Miss H Knepth, Tate: £7.50; 92.60, \$2.50, \$2.70. DF. \$22.60 \$55; \$23.31. Tricast: £109.95

4.30 (3m 1) ch; 1. Milati Humber (8 Gratian, 5-1); 2, The Gallopm'major (9-2); 3, Soloman Springs (7-2); Challe Richards 11-4 lav 8 fan 51, 16) P Beaumont Tote 25.90; C180, C180, C140 DF C23 80 C85-129 09; Trigact; C85,74 5.00 (2m 4f chi 1, Speaker Westheriff (M Brennan, 7-4 g-lev); 2, Netherby Said (13-2); 3, Too Sharp (7-4 g-lav), 6 ran 7, 14/ O Brennan Tote, 23,00, 21 60, 22 50 DF £11,70 CSF; £13 30

5.30 (1m 51 110yd list) 1, Dengloshan (Mr J Culloty, 3-1), 2, Primitive Hasrt (9-1); 3, China King (2-1 lav) 17 ran, NR: Manch Time. 41, hd Miss H Knight, Toter 52 80, 52.20, 64 40, 61 70, DF, 628 80, CSF-641 60 Piecepot: £73.60, Quadpot: £27,40.

Newton Abbot Going: good to soft, soft in patches. 2.16 (2m 11 hole) 1. Mr Playfull (J Frost, 2-1 1sty); 2. Eleanors Muse (12-1); 3. Shepheads. Reat (8-1); 4. Whitepering Court (10-1) 16 ran, 141, 2. H Frost, 10te 53 50; 51 10. 22 80. Et 90. E4.00 DF 529.60 CSF 535.56 Tincas); 5121 83

2.50 (2m 8l hdle) 1. See Barn (kiss M Coombe, 9-1), 2. Fox Chapel (14-1): 3, Sea Prirol (7-1) Cray Horse Dancer 9-4 lay 15 ran 17, 9, M Coombe, Fote, \$22.30; 94.40, 87.00, \$3.00. DF not won, CSF-\$120.80 Tricest: £563.68 Shanakee (7-1) with-drawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 10p in pound. \$25 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Mybiackchom (Sophia Michell, 4-1): 2, Pručení Paggy (8-1): 3, Courrierbstence (18-2), Třían Empress 2-1 fav 9 ran 14, 1 kl P Nichols 70% 28 40; 52.40, \$1.50, \$2.20, DF. 520.20, CSF: 520.95, Thoast £172.46

4.00 (2m 11 hdls) 1, Abbry Street (C Meute, 4-9 lav); 2, Fertastic Fleet (9-2); 3, Nortic Mood (25-1), 5 ran, 191, dist. O Streamout Toler £1.50, £1.70 DF 12.70 (35-2) 4.36 (2m 5 1104 cm) 1, Bella Like (C Mando, 49 tay); 2, Paur's Choice (9-2), 3, Lord Nárogen (14-1), 5 mm 18, 101 P Hobbs, Tota £140; £1.20, £1.60, DF; £2.20 C8F; £3.05. 5.10 Gam 61 holle) 1, Mine Dieldin (G Supple, 18-1); 2, Foresti Feather (6-1); 3, Lansdowna (13-8 fav) 9 ran. 8, 4 R Suppler Tore, 129-50; 63, 10, E200, 61,50 DF; 539.50 CSF (5111.31 Tricast, 5229-98

Placepot: £122,70. Quadpot: £9,40. Plumpton P'(UTTIDION)
Going: firm, good to firm in pauchos
2.30 (2m 41 hole) 1, Verde Luna (1)
Lessence, 7-1); 2, Just-Mane-Mou (2-1); 3,
Sightly Special (13-2), Equity's Darling 5-1
tav 5 tim. NR: The Cuads, 7, 31 D
Abudinot. Tote (7 10: \$2.50, \$1 60. DF
59.80 CSF: \$21 16.
3.00 (2m 21 ch) 1, Mr Primetime (M Berry,
2-5 text; 2, Full Of Tracks (20-1); 3, Jimmy
The Jackobow (7-1) 7 nn NR Mr Soc. 26,
14t. C Brooks Tote: \$1 60; \$1.30, \$4.60 DF
56 60 CSF \$29.87.
3.00 (2m 21 ch) 3, Desen Cd Transfer (5) 23 0 CSF 1937.

3.30 (2m ch) 1, Days Of Thunder (5 Fenton, 9-4 tav), 2, Trojan Call (8-1), 3, Handsome Ned (5-2) 9 ran. 6i, hd Mrs S Odel, Tode: 23 00; 67 20, 62 20, 63 0, 07 12 2 40 CSF, 120, 80, Tricast 145, 44.

4.00 (2m ti Indie) 1. Flight Lieuterrant (E. Murolly, 1-2 fav); 2. General Shritey (14-1), 3. Clock Watchers (50-1) 6 ran NR The 8c2o 4), 3. T. Cassey, Tote: 15 60; 11.40. £3 60 DF 17 80, CSF £8 65
4.30 (3m 11 110yd oth 1, Foxgrove (B. Fenton, 5-2), 2. Sertia Blue (14-1); 3. Omdov (11-4) Call Me River 11-8 fav, 5 ran 30, 2.2 ff Froz. Tote: 23 80, 52 00, 52 40 DF, 516 90 CSF, 125 21 5-58 (2m 41 hdle) 1, Chieffain's Crown (A Lamach, 9-4 tay); 2, Tel E Thon (10-1); 3, Script (6-1) 8 am NF: Namade 3, hd. Mas N George Tote: £3-80, £1-30, £2-40, £1-80 DF: £22-80 CSF £24-80 Trotest. £116-83 Placepot: £66.90. Quedpot: £15.40.

Towcester Going: firm

2.16 (2m hdle) 1. Stepletord Lady (W McFarland, 11-4); 2. Young Lucky (10-1), 3. Detant Home (7-1). Ree tipes Lucky (10-1), 3. Detant Home (7-1). Ree tipes Lucky (10-1), 3. Tote: £4.20; £2.10, £2.20 DF £14.80 CSF, £24.48 2.48 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Drumoullen (W McFarland, 11-8); 2, Sezzing Aflar (Evens fav); 3, Ruby's Gril (5-1) 3 fari, NR: Master Panglose 40, dtc. K Balley Tole, 62.10, DF: £1.30, CSF-£2.97 3.16 (3m If ch) 1, Andros Prince (Mes A Embinos, 5-2), 2. Thus Andronicus (6-1); 3, Frozen Orog (7-4 fev) 6 fan Hd, 191 Mes A Embinos, Tote 23 80; 21.80, 22 PD DF 21 90, CSF 1:18 28

4.26 (2m 6t on) 1, Teaplemen (Mr B Pottock, 4-11 list); 2, Knockumskin (7-1); 3, Traylord (25-1) 6 mn, 30l, 2/s/L Miss C Seunders, fote: £1 50; £1.20, £1.80 DF, £2.30, CSF; El 82.

R2 | 2m indie) 1, Euro Singer (Mr R Levether, 6-1); 2, Prospansum (14-1), 3, Clean Edge (2-1 lav) 12 ran MR Scarnstach, 21, 14, P Webber, Tole P10-40; 22 40, 64-30, £1-80. DF: \$226.10 CSF £116.56 Placapot: £263.20. Quadpot: £30.50. Uttoxeter

Geing: good to furn, good in places 2.15 (2m 4f 110)rd hdie) 1, Atzoomo (7 Eley, 2.1); 2, Showy Petral (9-4), 3, Royale Angola (7-4 law) 7 ran, 9, 171, 3 Gover 104, 52,80; 61,70, £1 80, DF £2 70, CSF £6,91 2.50 (2m 51 ch) 1, Tough Deal (Mr R Amson, 4-5 lav): 2, Berard Bay (7-2), 3, Seminole Princess, 14-1), 5 ran 9, 20, P Bradley, Tote £1,50; £1,20, £1,50 DF £2,10, CSF £3,38 22.10, CSF 53.38 3.25 (3m 110yc hote) 1, Glengardt Get (R Bellamy, 7-2 (-1se); 2, Lord Lolly (S-1) 3, Apachee Flower (4-1) Captain Coe 7-2 (f-the 13 can 10, 3 M Pipe. Tote 53.70, £1.50, £2.30, £1.50 DF £10.50 CSF; £24.74 Tricast: £75.60.

VVIDCAITON
Gaing: good to firm, firm in places
2.00 (2m 6t hole) 1. Gynant (O Burrows, 6-1),
2. Diesem Hers (7-3); 3. Bonds, Bisk-eney
(33-1) Easy Breazy 4-5 tev 6 tan 31, 81 M
Pge Yose 124 80; 12 Y0, 12 20 DF 19 20.
CSF 125, 31.
2.30 (3m 11110) d chi 1, Gennemi Crack (AP
McCoy, 11-10 (av) 2. Teoriuf Prince (33-1),
3. Lymn Gold (13-8) 7 ten 101, 201 F
Necholls Total 124 (7: \$1.80, \$25.80, \$25.
24.70 CSF 126, 78.
200 (2m hole) 1. Towns Gift (O Burrows, 6-4) 247.70 Car. Hollo) 1, Tonya Giff (O Bumowa, 6-4 lav); 2, Severn Gale (10-1), 3, Tony's Mast (11-1) 7 ran 244, 61 M Pipe Tote £240, 21 80, 23 40 DF £12,70 CSF-£15.97. 4.00 (3m 2) ch) 1, Samileo (3 Tormey, 6-4 lav): 2, Seymour Spy (13-8), 3, Duke Of Lancaster (13-2), 5 ran 154, 26, P Hobbs Tote £2.40, £1.80, £1.40, DF; £1.90 CSF, £4.90

\$3.00 (2m 6f holid) 1, Blaskes Hero (A P McCoy, 13-8; 2, Outer Dawn (8-4 isv), 3, Coeur Battard (26-1) 5 ran, 3, 12 Mrs 8 Vallarms Tote (27-90 £1,40, £1,70 DF C3-20 CSF (24-69 4-00 (2m 6h) 1 Sprinting Steet (S Burrough, 4-5 lav), 2, Evening Rain (6-1), 3, Young Snught (9-4) 4 ran, 3, 251 P Roofford Tote C2-20 DF (25-60 CSF (25-75). 4.30 (2th hdis) 1. Decide Yourself (A P McCo), 11-31-2. The Bounder (11-10 tay) 3, Multi-y (7-1) 9 fan MP Tielawneye, Diesen 11, 91 f Thomson Jones Tote 2 50, 91.80, 91.40, 91.40 DF, 91.90 CSF 23.48.

SOUTHWELL THUNDERER

2.00 Swordking, 2.30 Jaraab, 3.00 Jean De Florette, 3.30 Seeking Destiny, 4.00 Born A Lady, 4.30 Folst.

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4 -110 LRRAME 14 (V.D.BF.G) G Levis 5-9-0 S Version 5
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6 03 CRACUSA 34.1 Machie 4-8-11 N Variey (3) 1
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10 0500 JARRODW 85 (V) Mrs A Naughon 5-7-10 ... P Ressay (5) 4
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JOCKEYS: D Denby, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%, T lees, 24 from 129, 18 6%, J Wegary, 43 from 240, 17.9%, J Fortune, 24 from 148, 16.2%; F Lynch, 10 from 64, 15.6%, K Faffon, 21 from 137, 15.3%.

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9 D64 HOLLOWAY MELIODY 137 R Lexikation 8-3 ... L Revitton (5) 6
10 B6-0 MARSIAL MINNIGHT 7 N Traite 3-3 ... L Revitton (5) 6
10 B0-0 MARSIAL MINNIGHT 7 N Traite 11
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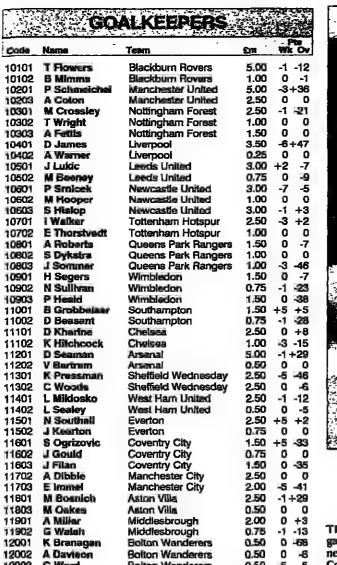
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The players' weekly and overall scores and their values if you are considering the transfer option



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David Platt made life difficult for his team, Fantasina, by including players from struggling Premiership teams The pros and cons of ITF play

Alix Ramsay takes a look at some of the

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Molby has been leading since Christmas and now has moved 48 points ahead of the field. Simon Webster from West Ham and Mark Powell from Bolton Wanderers have been doing their best to turn it into a three-horse race but have been nobbled by expensive but goal-shy strikers.

What remains is the race for the minor placings, not so much to earn a place in Europe but to save the barracking in the dressing room.

HOW THE PROFESSIONALS' ITF TEAMS ARE FARING

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leading teams entered by PFA members Making a late charge for respectability is David Platt's selection. Fantasina. Having spent much of the season lurking in the anonymity of mid-table - his team probably weighed down by a name that sounds like a cross between a Walt Disney movie Fantasina have finally shaken themselves up and are head-

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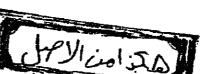
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30102	Pearce	Blackburn Rovers	3,50	0 +3
30103	N Merker	Blackburn Rovers	0.50	0 +5
30104	A Reed	Blackburn Rovers	0.75	0 0
30105	C Coleman	Blackbum Rovers	2.50	-1+15
30201	S Bruce	Manchester Unitled	4.50	-1 + 46
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30203	D May	Manchester United	1.50	0+10
30301	C Cooper	Nottingham Forest	3,50	<i>-</i> 1 +25
30302	S Chettle	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0+13
30401	P Eabb	Liverpool	3.00	0+38
30402	N Ruddock	Liverpool	3.50	-2+37
30403	J Scales	Liverpool	3.50	-2+37
30404	M Wright	Liverpool	1.00	-1 +46
30405	D Matteo	Liverpool	0.75	0 +4
30501	D Wetherall	Leeds United		+3+23
30502	C Public	Leeds United		+2+17
30503	J Pemberton	Leeds United	1.50	0 -7
30505	P Beesley	Leeds United	1.00	0+13
30506	R Jobson	Leeds United	1.50	0 +3
30601	P Albert	Newcestle United	4.00	-3+21
30602	S Howey	Newcastie United	3.00	-2+26
30603	D Peacock	Newcastle United	3.00	-1+19
30701	G Mabbutt	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0 + 33
30702	C Calderwood	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0 + 26
30703	S Nethercott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	-1 -5
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30803	A McDonald	Queens Park Rangers	2.00	-1 +3
30805	K Ready	Queens Park Rangers	0.75	0 -10
30901	A fleeves	Wimbledon	2.50	0 -4
30902	A Thorn	Wimbledon	0.75	0 -5
30903	S Fitzgerald	Wimbledon	0.75	0 -8
30904	C Perry	Wimbledon	1.00	D -16
30905	A Pearce	Wimbledon	2.50	0 -3
31001	K Monkou	Southampton	1.50	+1 +6
31002	A Nellson	Southampton	1.50	+4+15
31003	R Hall	Southampton	1.50	0 +7
31101	E Johnsen	Chelsea	1.50	0+12
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31103	F Sinclair	Chelson	2.00	0 +5
31104	D Lee	Chelsea	0.75	-1 + 19
31105	M Duberry	Chelsea	2.50	-2 +2
31201	T Adams	Arsenal	4.50	0+27
31202	S Bould	Amonal	3.00	0 + 23
91203	M Keown	Arsenal	1.50	0+30
31204	A Linighan	Arsenal	1.50	0 + 10
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31401	S Potts	West Ham United	2.50	0+15
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31605	R Shaw	Coventry City Coventry City	1.50	0 -15
31606	L Dulph	Coventry City	1.50	+4 +3
31701	K Curfe	Manchester City	1.50	-3 +3
31702	A Kernaghan	Manchester City	1.00	0 -3
31704	K Symons	Manchester City	1.50	-2 +5
31801	U Ehiogu	Aston Villa	2.50	0+36
31802	P McGrath	Aston Villa	1.50	-1 +25
31804	C Tiler	Aston Villa	0.75	0 +1
31901	N Pearson	Middlesbrough	0.75	0+17
31902	S Vickers	Middlesbrough	0.75	0+21
31903	P Whelan	Middlesbrough	0.75	0 0
31904	D Whyte	Middlesbrough	0.75	-1+18
32001	A Stubbs	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	-2+13
32002	C Fairclough	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	-2 -20
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40105	S Ripley	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	0+33	
40107	P Werturst	Blackbum Rovers	2.50	0 +3	
10109	M Holmes	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0+10	
40110	L Bohinen	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	0+38	
40111	W McKinlay	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0+12	
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10202	R Keane	Manchester United	2.50	+1+40	
10203	L Sharpe	Manchester United	3.00	0+42	
10205	N Butt	Manchester United	2.00	0+40	
10206	D Beckham	Manchester United	0.75	+1+40	
10207	S Davies	Manchester United	0.75	0 +1	
10302	C Bart-Williams	Nottingham Forest	3.00	+1+40	
10303	l Woan	Nottingham Forest	3,00	+3+54	
10304	S Stone	Nottingham Forest	4.00	+3+51	
0305	D Phillips	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0+21	
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40411	J McAteer	Liverpool	4.00	+1
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40502	G Speed	Leeds United	4.00	+3
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40506	M Tinkler	Leeds United	0.50	0
40507	A Couzens	Leeds United	1.00	0
40508	M Ford	Leeds United	1.00	0
40601	R Lee	Newcastie United	4.50	+2
40603		Newcastle United	4.50	+3-
40604	K Gillesple	Newcastle United	4.00	0-
40605	L Clark	Newcastle United	1.50	0-
40607	S Watson	Newcastle United	1.50	+2-
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40609	R Elliott	Newcastle United	0.75	0
40610	D Batty	Newcastle United	1.50	+14
40701	D Anderton	Tottenham Hotspur	6.50	0
40702	D Howells	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0-
40703	J Dozzeli	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	+1+
40705	G McMahon	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0
40707	R Fox	Tottenham Hotspur	6.00	+14
40708	A Sinton	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	+14
40801	S Barker	Queens Park Rangers	2.50	04
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40803	A Impey	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	+14
40805	T Sinclair	Queens Park Rangers	3.00	+1+
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40809	N Quashle	Queens Park Rangers	0.75	0
40810	M Brazier	Queens Park Rangers	0.75	0
40901	V Jones	Wimbledon	2.00	+2+
40902	R Earle	Wimbledon	2.50	+1+
40903	M Gayle	Wimbledon	1.50	+1+
40904	O Leonhardsen	Wimbledon	2.50	0+
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41008	M Walters	Southampton	1.50	ő.
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41102	R Gullitt	Cheisea	4.00	
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41104	D Rocastle	Chalsea	1.50	0
41105	N Spackman	Chelses	0.75	0
41106	C Burley	Cheisea	1.00	
41108	E Newton	Chelsea	0.75	0+
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Jones Boys Six and Gohils Gods settle down to fight it out as time runs out on ITF

Toil and transfers mean race goes down to the wire

A fier eight months of toil and transfers the \$50,000 prize for the winner of the Interactive Team Football (ITF) is in sight. In a handful of weeks it will all he over and the reward is so those the leaders can almost touch it. But as the two top teams enter the final stages there is hardly a fiver's width between them. Jones Boys Six have their noses in front just five points ahead of Gohil's Gods 65.

Lovalty does not feature large in the ITF, most of the successful managers learned early on that reputation and talent does not necessarily earn points. As-a result, both Mike Jones and Rajesh Gohil have toyed with the services of many before abandoning them to the scrap heap and

starting again. Mr Gobil has gone through strikers like a hor knife through butter. He has tried Fowler, Yeboah, Ferdinand, Shearer (three times). Scholes (many times). Dichio and Dowie before settling on Fowler and Dowie in recent weeks. And it has paid divi-dends as seven of Mr Gohil's 16 points last week came from the pair.

Mr Jones, too, has been ringing the changes up from but with less effect. He has dabbled with Dichio, Yorke, Rosler and Ferdinand before putting his faith in the Tottenham pair of Chris Armstrong and Teddy Sheringham. How long they will last remains to be seen. Compared to his nearest rival, Mr Jones had a duff week, gaining a meagre. four points from his strikers out of a team total of seven.

Mr Jones has also kept two Liverpool players in his side. Mark Wright has been part of Jones Boys Six since the start of the season — a good and inexpensive call by Mr Jones - while Rob Jones has been a regular since November. But now that the Premiership race is virtually over for Liverpool, their fate will depend on the motivational skills of Roy Evans. With only the FA Cup to keep their interest. Mr Jones cannot afford any stacking in the ranks.

Mr Gohil, on the other hand, obviously believes in

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Evans as the Liverpool boss is also in charge of Gohil's Gods (Mr Jones has tried and dumped Joe Royle and Glenn Hoddle and is now trusting in Joe Kinnear). And if Fowler keeps on scoring the goals. Evans will keep earning the points and Mr Gohil will be a

But both ITF managers have decided to spend serious money on protecting what they have got. Both have spent £5 million on goalkeepers, Mr Jones going for David Seaman and Mr Gohil for Peter Schmeichel. There is little to separate the records of the two keepers - Arsenal have only conceded 29 goals in the Premiership this season and Manchester United 32 - but both managers have rather unwisely used and then

into the transfer market?

inquiries can be made on

dropped the cheaper and more successful option, David James of Liverpool. If your team could be doing better, with your players lack-ing form and fitness, you can move into the transfer market to improve your fortunes. ITF has a transfer system that

allows you to change up to two

players each week. Which player you want to offload is up to you. The FFF transfer system also allows you to adjust your team one of your players is actually transferred out of the FA Carling Premiership. He eligible for ITF and would have to be replaced. Any overseas or Endsleigh Insur-

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during the season will become

available for transfer. You can make transfers only by telephone. Using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone), call the 0891 333 331 line during the times given. Calls will be charged at 39 pence per minute cheap rate, 49 pence per minute at other times. If you are calling from Ireland, you must call 004 499 020 0631 and you will be charged at 58

pence per minute at all times. When making a transfer, you must ensure that the team value still falls within your £35 million budget and does not contain more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club.

If you are lagging behind the leading team selectors, the transfer system will be an appealing option to you in the chase for the £50,000 prize or the monthly £500 prizes.

With ITF, not only are you pitting your selectorial skills against other readers of The Times, you are also matching your wits against those in the know. With the support of the Professional Footballers' Assoclation. Premiership players have entered sides of their own, and Alix Ramsay takes a look at how they have fared on the opposite page.

With the monthly prize for April still up for grabs (this week's tables do not include tion), is it time for you to delve

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Gary Slapper on the problems of a legal system to prevent nuisance and noise

hen the loud barking of a neighbour's puppy got the better of Nicholas Farnell, he hit the owner on the head with a crowbar and killed him. Farnell has just been given a life sentence for murder. In the past year alone there have been three killings, one suicide, several arson attacks and thousands of fights after disputes between neighbours about noise.

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Over the past four years 18 people have been killed in such disputes. Last September, for example, Paul Thurston was failed for life at the Central Criminal Court after he threw a firebomb into a noisy party, causing the death of a young mother. Clearly, the law of nuisance, which seeks to balance the interests of citizens with conflicting desires, is failing when crimi-nal law is so often left to pick

The scale of the problem is enormous. Nationally, councils now receive 300 com-Maints a day about unaccep-table levels of noise from neighbours. In 1967 there were 976 official complaints about neighbour noise and last year there were more than 112,000.

A recent poll found that one person in ten considered their home life to be ruined by noise. A survey by the Government's Building Research Establishment found that more than half the homes in England and Wales suffered day-time levels above the 45 decibels recommended by the World Health Organisation. After sunset, two thirds were exposed to noise above the recommended 35-decibel limit. The research discovered emotions ran so high that people spoke of hatred, revenge and murder when asked what they felt about those responsible.

The basic principle of English law is that an actionable nuisance at common law occurs where there is an unreasonable interference with someone's use of their land. It occurs if someone permits an excessive or abnormal noise which materially affects the Julinary health and comfort of bidinary people according to the plain and sober notions of

right-minded people. There is, a judge said in 1862, a rule of give and take. live and let live". "In assessing this question, the courts will take into account the character of the area; so different standards apply for quiet residential areas, inner cities and industrial areas.

t is no defence for the defendant to argue that he or she has done Leverything he can to lessen the disturbance (such as disciplining dogs) if the noise is still something that the neighbours should not reasonably have to tolerate. Neither can the defence argue that the complainant "came to the nuisance" because they moved residence close to a previously

existing disturbance. There is no rule about the necessary duration of a nui-sance, but the longer it continues, the more likely it will be classified as a nuisance. Dam-



Let's try to keep the peace

ages are an available remedy, as is an injunction. But before granting the latter remedy, a judge must be persuaded that the nuisance is substantial, continuing and likely to continue unless the injunction is granted.

The law of nuisance really protects not only the right to enjoy property, but also, through such a right, the protection of the value of property. Earlier this year Violet Lamb, a widow of 79 who sold her house without telling the purchasers that she had complained about a noisy neighbour, had to pay £15,000 damages, representing the amount by which the house was devalued by having a neighbour who carried out noisy car repairs in his drive.

Now both Harry Greenway, MP - in a Private Member's Bill which has cross-party support - and the Labour Party have advanced plans to tackle the problem with new legal measures.

Last year, in several cities, the Government piloted a scheme under which noisy neighbours faced instant E40 fines if they refused to heed warnings to turn down the volume from stereos or domestic machinery operating above 35 decibels between 11pm and 7am. Persistent offenders faced court fines of up to

£1,000. The Department of the type of injunction to restrain criminal antisocial behaviour Environment points out that 35 decibels is equivalent to the amount of noise generated by a television set or radio in a room with closed windows on a busy street. ut the system operat-

ed on the basis that a complainant had to ring the council, whose officers visited the supposedly offending premises and, where necessary, served a warning. Fines could be imposed if the warnings were ignored. Officers also had the power to confiscate music systems. This system is now largely incorporated in the Noise Bill, sponsored by Mr Greenway and which has just passed committee stage. The proposed on-the-spot fine has been raised to £100.

Labour has proposed legislation enabling antisocial neighbours to be jailed for up to seven years. In a paper last ear, Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, argued that the system was unable to deal with low-level but chronic crime committed over several months. According to Mr Straw, the problem is that "the criminal justice system deals only in snapshots and not as it were with a continuous film". Mr Straw proposes a new Community Safety Order — a

had the idea as part of their senior partner's 80th birthday

celebrations last year.

by individuals or a group. This could be prompted by antagonistic behaviour, including insults, threats of intimidation, minor assaults, noise, racial harassment or the use of aggressive dogs. Breaching the order, which could include curiews of exclusion from a particular area, would be punishable by imprisonment. The new order, would, be

obtained in a magistrates' or County Court by a senior police officer or chief executive of a local council. To avoid witness intimidation, evidence could be presented without identifying the complainant. How far any new legal

scheme can effectively keep the peace between dog lovers and haters is open to debate. In a 1990 noise-nuisance survey by Bupa, the health insurance company, barking dogs came top of a league of 48 other unpleasant sounds, beating pneumatic drills and heavy traffic. Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, neighbours can bring their own prosecution against dog owners in the magistrates' courts. Criminal legal aid is largely defendant-supportive. so most complainants do not get funding and are often unable to finance a case with a possible £1,000 bill.

David Penry-Davey, QC, the Bar Council chairman,

says "For a busy profession, there is not much daylight

between 'they never tell us

anything and 'they keep

showering us with bumph'.

"Equally, on accountability, there is a fine balance to be

sance. More than 150 local authorities have now bought a machine that records sound levels alongside the date and time. But it is often difficult to prove sustained noisiness if the suspect becomes aware of the testing. In America and Japan, sound-sensitive electric collars are commonly used to give dogs a short sharp shock each time they bark, but such techniques are manifestly cruel and umatural.

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Divine intervention in the courtroom

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The American Bar Association Journal recently reported on the problem of "bench stress", or "black robe fever", which causes judges to behave in an irritable and offensive manner to those who appear in their courts. Among recent examples of judicial misbehaviour, even more reprehensible than the Philadelphia judge who threw a glass of water at a lawyer making unpersua-sive submissions, was the judge in Louisiana who told an argumentative witness that in his court he was "God".

An adequate research study has yet to be conducted on the relationship between the judiciary and the Almighty. But a recent judgment of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council has demonstrated that judges make errors of law even when they believe that their decisions have been blessed with divine inspiration, with the judge claiming to have received more assistance from above than from counsel in the case.

In February, the Privy Council allowed an appeal in Logan v The Queen, a criminal case from Belize. The Privy Council held that it had jurisdiction to hear the appeal, rejecting the contrary view as expressed by the Chief Justice of Belize. Sir George Brown, in the Lauriano case, in September 1995, immediately before giving his decision in Lauriano, the Chief Justice had explained in court that "I think the judgment itself is one which is not directly from me in person, but through me". He commented that "the answer to the case came to me" on a Sunday night. It was a "divine inspiration" which goes to the glory of God".
The Chief Justice of Belize is

not the first judge to have claimed assistance from a source not available on the internet when considering difficult points of law. During the Gay News blaspherny trial at the Old Bailey in 1977, Judge Alan King-Hamilton was (according to his autobiography) "half-conscious of being guided by some superhuman inspiration" throughout the preparation and delivery of his summing-up to the jury.

Indeed, whether or not the judge enjoys spiritual assistance from a supernatural amicus curiae (friend of the court), it may help the conduct of judicial business if litigants are willing so to believe. In his study of the British Empire, Pax Britannica, James Morris recorded that the elders of an Indian hill tribe involved in a legal dispute sacrificed an animal "to propitiate a distant but omnipotent deity". They explained that "we know nothing of him but that he is a good god, and that his name is the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council"

Today most judges have to make do with

the limited help provided by the Judicial Studies Board. In biblical times, judges knew that they had divine assistance in performing their duties. Moses told the judges deciding disputes between the Children of Israel that they should "not be afraid of the face of any man; for the judgment is God's". Indeed. Moses took to God Himself the really hard cases, such as the claim brought by the daughters of Zelophedad, who contended that their sex should not prevent them from inheriting their father's property. (God gave judgment in their favour.) By his judgment deciding which of two women was the mother of a child, Solomon demonstrated that "the wisdom of God was in him, to do justice".

Judge Learned Hand described how Justice Cardozo la judge of the United States Supreme Court in 1932-38) arrived at his judgments only after suffering the anguish of indecision in which like Jacob, he had to wrestle with the angel all through the night".

But Cardozo never claimed that the opinions he handed down after such a struggle were blessed with the authority of a court more supreme than that which sat in Washington DC. In a 1953 opinion, Justice Jackson of the United States Supreme Court acknowledged that "we are not final because we are infallible, but we are infallible only because we are final".

There are undoubtedly occasions on which judges deciding temporal disputes would greatly benefit from celestial guidance. In a United States District Court in 1971, the plaintiff brought proceedings against Satan for causing him misfortune and misery, thereby

violating his constitutional rights. The judge dismissed the case because "the complaint contains no allegation of residence by the defendant in this district" and the plaintiff has failed to include with his complaint the required form of instructions for the United States Marshal for directions as to service of

Some judges who have to decide difficult questions of law find it comforting to pray to their God that they may perform their duties wisely and well. Judicial humility is a virtue, whatever form it takes. But for judges to assume, and then assert, that the judgments they hand down come blessed with divine authority confirms the accuracy of Justice Jackson's observation in a 1952 judgment in the United States Supreme Court that judges. other than God himself. "sometimes exhibit vanity, irascibility, narrowness, arrogance, and other weaknesses to which human flesh is

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Firms start ad battle

SOLICITORS are going into battle to find accident victims. They are waging an advertising war in the pages of a London local newspaper over personal injuries work

The front page of a recent Camden New Journal displayed advertisements from four solicitors firms, each competing for the attention of readers who may have been injured in some way.

Have you been injured in a road traffic accident, at work, tripped or slipped, or been a victim of medical negligence?" asks Lewis Nedas & Co, while Hodge Jones & Allen says: "If you have been injured in a road traffic accident, an accident at work, tripping on the pave-ment or through medical negligence you may be entitled to ... compensation."

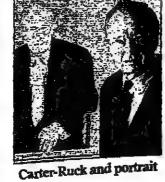
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nership is equally direct in drumming up work. "Have you been injured?" it says.

Organ gift

PETER Carter-Ruck. émi-nence grise of the libel world, has had his portrait painted by Bryan Organ, the por-traitist. The painting com-missioned for £12,500, was a gift from his partners, who



Bar balance

tance will not be lost to anyone watching recent go-

ings-on at the Law Society.

Mr Carter-Ruck is said to achieved between 'why can't be "very pleased" with the painting, which is now hang-ing in the firm's boardroom. they just get on with it? and this does not have the backing of the Bar." Anne-Marie Pagett, a part-

ner with the firm until she Seeing double recently moved from London, MANCHESTER United is says: "Peter chose the arust himself. It is a very good likeness. It really captures his energy. He loves it."

AN INTRICATE balancing act is being performed by the Bar Council as it embarks on a consultation exercise to find out how it can improve its accountability to the profession. A questionnaire has gone out to barristers with this month's Bar News. Its impor-

not the only team with high hopes of achieving the league and cup double this year. The Grays Inn XI are also hot on the trail of that cher-

ished goal. They have already come top in the London Legal League first division. Next Monday they play the final of the cup competition. If they win, it will be the first time a team has won the double since 1982. The match is at the Douglas Eyre sports centre in Coppermil Lane. Walthamstow, and kick-off is at 7pm.

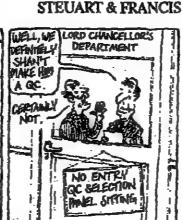
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The World Chair. Baritone Thomas Allen has performed everywhere, including La Scala, Milan, the Paris Opera house and the Metropolitan, New York, Mr. Allen came to the rescue of the Royal Opera House. Covent Garden, two years ago when, hours after he landed back in London after singing The Marriage of Figuro in

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desperate phone call asking him to step in because their singer had lost his voice. Fortunately it was the same role he had been singing in America.

The concert on Tuesday May 21 will be conducted by the Russian Yuri Temirkanov and features Dvorak's Cello Concerto and Elgar's Enigma Variations.

Yuri Temirkanov studied violin at the Leningrad Conservatoire. He made his debut with the RPO in 1977 and succeeded André Previn as principal conductor three The cello soloist is New

Yorker Lynn Harrell who is one of the most sought after performers in the world. He began studying the cello at nine and at 12 made his debut with the Dallas Symphony.

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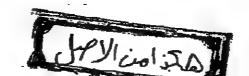
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Chocs away at Clarke's

Veronica Heath

on a high-quality chocolate maker

who is planning to rival the Belgians

The First World War had just ended when a small confectionery business was launched on a kitchen table overlooking Loch Ewe in Wester Ross.

Clemence Clarke was able to provide a living for herself and her fiance, invalided out of the Forces, with her expertise in making luxury chocolates. Today the business, known as Clarke's of Luch Ewe, has a turnover of £200,000. Stephen Nun, the business's

marketing manager, said: "Clemence's spirit still watches over us. Her original recipes form the basis of our range." In 1988, the business relocated from the west coast of Scotland to a converted primary school in Coldstream, Berwickshire, The

owners were attracted by a package of assistance from the Scottish Borders Enterprise. The business employs to full and part-time workers, all of whom are locals, "The majority walk here," said Adrian Smith who, in parinership with Mr Nutt, is a company director. Mr Smith is a godson of the last of the Clarkes who retired in 1991. Mr Nutt was invited to join

that year. He said: "Our real

gramme designed to help individuals to market their wares tremendously helpful." Clarke's is now dealing with inquiries from the United States and Japan. Mail order selections

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Stephen Nutt, left, and Adrian Smith check the quality of Clarke's of Loch Ewe's Classic selection use only the finest ingredients. All the chocolates are hand-made and wrapped in foil, tissue and distinctive boxes. We aim to be up in the same league as the very best of the Belgian chocolate houses,"

Clarke's produces around 70,000 boxes annually, with the retail price of a 250g box at £8-£10. Christmas is the busiest time of the year for Clarke's, but business over Easter is growing rapidly after a first move into the Easter egg market in 1995. This year its luxury truffle

eggs proved to be very popular.

he a big chocolate house, but there are plans for expansion and further improvement." He admined that he had already turned down business that was not regarded as being in the best interest of the firm in

terms of product quality or volume. He says: "We are looking towards a £250,000 investment into new premises in Coldstream, doubling our factory space and creating some new jobs, and an annual turnover of £1 million by the end of

Mr Nutt said: "We don't plan to Clarke's is on 01890 883153.

Employers face some taxing problems

By ROBERT BRLCE

FILE tax forms on time and correctly or pay the penalty. That is the message being hammered home to employers by the Inland Revenue.

Particularly taxing for employers are the forms dealing with employ-ces and expenses. While advice on information on the new demands of self-assessment from 1996-97 abound, employers may find there is rather less helpful guidance on how to deal with this year's forms.

Simon Robinson, a partner at Shipleys, the accountancy firm, said: "It has become tougher for small employers. The Inland Revenue became more draconian over this in an effort to make people get

down to doing the work." For example, an error on a PIID form, which details the expenses of directors and other highly paid employees, can give rise to a \$3,000 penalty, and if the error is repeated on other forms the penalty can be

£3,000 for each. National Insurance Contributions (NICs), are increasingly a minefield for the unwary. Employers, for example, must pay NICs on amounts paid to meet employees personal liabilities, like the cost of using a home telephone for some business purposes.

Reportable benefits are diverse and may not be obvious. A company van may be taken home in the evening by an employee and brought back in the morning. Even if those journeys are the only private

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use of the van these will count as a benefit. The same pitfalls occur over newspapers, and companies should watch out where they are reimbursing employees for the cost of trade periodicals or newspapers,

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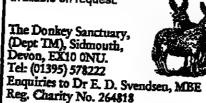
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Economic Statistics: UK industrial production for February, UK manufacturing output for February. US wholesale inventories for February.

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Interims: Murray VCT. Finals: Alpha Airports, Charnos, Intermediate Capital Group, Moss Bros. Yule Catto, Reece, Ruberoid, Sentry Farming, Jefferson Smurfit.

Economic Statistics: UK Confederation of British Industry distributive trades survey for March, UK cyclical indicators for February, German unemployment for March, French consumer sentiment survey for March.

THURSDAY

Interims: Cradley Group Holdings, Prestwick Hold-ings, Toye & Co. Finals: Amec, Eadle Holdings, Nurdin & Peacock,

wheld, Tudor.

Economic Statistics: UK global trade balance for January, non-European Union trade balance for February, UK final M4 money supply data for February, UK producer prices for March, US weekly jobless claims, UK Staffordshire South East by-election, US retail sales for March, US March, US March, US Priza and Company of the March, US Priza and Company of the March, US March and Company of the March and C March, US Michigan con-sumer sentiment for April.

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interims: none scheduled. Finals: Abbot Group, Tracker

Economic Statistics: US consumer prices for March, US real earnings for March, US business inventories for February, US Atlanta federal survey for March, French preliminary consumer prices for March.





MICHAEL CLARK

Amec escapes to a brighter future

AMEC: After last year's escape from the clutches of Kvaerner, which has since turned its attention to Trafalgar House, it seems unlikely that full-year figures on Thursday will hold much in the way of surprises.

Amec, whose chairman is Sir Alan Cockshaw, indicated in its defence document at the time of the Kvaerner bid that profits for 1995 would be pitched at about £20 million, compared with £26.3 million last time.

Scott Fulton, construction analyst with Merrill Lynch Smith New Court, is looking for a final figure of about £24.2 million with the final 3p dividend maintained. He points out that rival construction companies, such as Taylor Woodrow, John Laing, Afred McAlpine and Mowlern, have all weighed in with full-year figures towards the top end of expectations. There is no reason to believe that Amec will be any different.

Amec is not your run-of-themill construction contractor. It is heavily involved in specialist areas such as offshore services and maintenance turnkey contracts. This is one of the reasons that Kvaerner was attracted to Amec in the first place.

Its other contract work is expected to have been positive despite the gloomy backdrop for the industry overall. But the real benefit of recent improvements is unlikely to be reflected until the current year, with the group having already forecast profits of

Merrill Lynch Smith New Court is looking for a final outcome of £34 million.

NURDIN & PEACOCK: Last week's jump in the share price was prompted by renewed talk of a bid. The last attempt by its 14 per cent shareholder, SHV Makro, was roundly rejected. The privately owned Dutch group, which owns the Makro



After repelling the Norwegians, Sir Alan Cockshaw is preparing to unveil full-year figures

chain of cash-and-carry stores, had offered to swap its cash-andcarry assets for half of Nurdin's share capital. It is now free to make a hostile offer should it wish to, and this will no doubt have been behind the recent flurry of speculative activity in the shares. The rival Booker has

also been considered a possible bidder in the past. There is clearly some attraction for these various predators, although you would hardly credit it from the group's performance in recent years, which has been disappointing to say the least.

profits warning. According to David Stoddart. is scope for some improvement in pre-tax profits, but it is likely to be marginal. Profits at the halfway stage were boosted to the tune of £8.1 million by the sale of the Cargo Club business. Estimates for the full year

range from £19 million to £20 million, compared with £16.7 million last time. There was evidence of a pick-up in sales during the second half, but this will have been achieved at the

expense of margins.

No doubt the City will be anxious to hear what David Jones, the chief executive who arrived from Northern Foods last year, has got to say about the group's future direction.

MOSS BROS: Hopes are high for the menswear retailer, which includes names like the Savoy Taylors' Guild, the Suit Company and Cecil Gee, when is unveils full-year figures tomorrow. The group has been enjoying a period of sustained growth, which will account for the strength of the share price. The shares closed last week a whisker below their best ever at 744p.

At the halfway stage, the group unveiled a 67 per cent leap in pre-tax profits to 53.21 million, which was above market forecasts. This time round, the brokers are looking for anything between £9.5 million and £10.5 million compared with £7.4 million last time. Moss Bros is planning to open a further 35 stores during the next couple of years, raising the total to 150.

JEFFERSON SMURFIT: The paper industry has had more than its fair share of problems in the past year, and events there will form the main focus of interest when the Irish paper and packaging group reports tomorrow.

Brokers are looking in a range of Ir£405 million to Ir£420

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

All eyes fall on the US

The financial markets will start the week focused on the path of the US economy after last Friday's better than expected March employment figures. Further fodder for the debate about exactly how strong the American recovery might be will come on Thursday with March figures for US retail sales.

There will also be producer prices and consumer prices figures, particularly important to the Treasury bond market. which is in the early stages of paranoia about rising inflation and interest rates.

However, there is also plenty of food for thought in Britain. On the political front. there is the Staffordshire South East byelection on Thursday. If the Government loses, as expected, its majority in the Commons will be cut to one, a development likely to prompt nervousness in gilt and currency markets.

On the statistical front, the week kicks off today with figures for February industrial and manufacturing production. According to a consensus of market forecasts compiled by MMS Internation-al, industrial production is expected to have risen 0.5 per cent after a fall of 0.5 per cent in January. This would leave year-on-year growth at 1.4 per cent, the same as in

January.

Manufacturing industry is expected to have grown only 0.3 per cent, reducing its year-on-year growth to 0.5 per cent, from 1.1 per cent in January. Output is still being depressed as companies try to adjust to last year's huge involuntary build-up of stocks. Torogropy sees publication of the stocks. Tomorrow sees publication of the latest distributive sales survey from the Confederation of British Industry, which will give an idea of retail trade in March. Cyclical indicators are also published for

There will be more reminders of the weak performance of continental economies. German figures for manufacturing orders are expected early this week and are forecast to have fallen 0.3 per cent in February after a 0.1 per cent decline in January. Orders are running well below last year's levels. Retail sales are also due out and are expected to show no year-onyear growth. German unemployment figures, due tomorrow, should show another rise. The Bank of France holds a council meeting on Thursday and may trim interest rates.

JANET BUSH

THE TIMES



CITY DIARY

the Grove

home to the Earl of Clarendon and owned by British Rail for the past 20 years; is soon to be turned into a 100-bedroom hotel and golf course by the Levy brothers.

The 18th century Grade II listed mansion, a former BR management training centre. was sold for about £2 million in the wake of rail privatisation. Its new owners, Daniel and Stuart Levy, who also

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LONDON'S streets were quieter than they might have been over the Easter weekend. for guests at the Four Seasons Hotel were busy seeking an egg worth £845. Hidden at the hotel was an 18-carat gold egg in turquoise enamel, designed by Sarah Faberge for the St

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EMPLOYEES of BAA, the former British Airports Authority, are getting in a flap over uniforms at a new pub on the Fulham Road. Bar staff at The Tup, named after the farming term for a ram, have been seen in uniforms emblazoned with the motif "BAA STAFF", not unlike those seen at Gatwick and Heathrow.

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Why political risk factor should attract investors

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Cargo Warehouse venture was

sold off last year to Sainsbury.

Any hopes that conditions may

have begun to improve were

scuppered by the group's recent

risk. In so far as this relates to a change of government, it is difficult to understand why people do not believe this is already discounted in current vields and spreads versus other markets. Labour has enjoyed a large poll lead over the Conservatives for many months. No governing party has ever recovered such a poll deficit. Given that the election is, at most, 13 months away.

investors ought to know that most of the remaining life of the majority of gilts they are holding will be under a Labour government. So why do some people ical risk" is a

GILT-EDGED good reason not to hold

gilts? It is argued that the time horizon of the market is very short and only once the election campaign is almost upon us will it factor in political risk. However, the Government's majority will be down to one after Thursday's by-election. We may only be a death, a defection or a parliamentary defeat away from a general election.

A more convincing are ument relates to the last days of this Government. What last-ditch desperation on poli-How will the markets react? Even these concerns should be at least partly factored in. What is the evidence? First-

ly, spreads between gilt and

CHANGE ON WEEK

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83.6 (+0.2) Bank of England official close (4pm)

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ne of the main reasons bund yields are currently

gilts are out of favour about 185bp (annual basis) seen at the last election when it looked as though the Conservatives would lose. Secondly sterling has recovered much less than other recent devaluers against the mark Thirdly, the real yield on gilts is above its ten-year average and above that in the other G5 countries. Taken at face value, there will be little discernible difference in

macroeconomic policy if Labour wins. There is probably more risk in the City of being too cynical about Labour's macroeconomic policy than of being too complacent. Labour is likely to be

more constructive on EMU, and the general tenor of government ought to

be more decisive. With gilts underperforming in recent weeks and the inflation differential with Germany set to fall, gilts look a better bet than most other bond markets. The political risk premium in gilts probably represents an opportunity to buy rather than a reason to avoid them.

There may still be a good reason to be nervous about gilts in the short term, but that has little to do with politics or economic fundamentals exclusive to the UK. The main risk comes from a continuing recovery in world economic activity and a continuing slide in US bond prices. Whether world bond yields go up or down, gilts should, on a relative basis, be one of the betterperforming bond markets.

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WORD-WATCHING

PASQUINADE (c) A lampoon affixed to some public place, a squib, lampoon, or piece of satire generally. Pasquino or Pasquillo was the name popularly given to a mutilated statue disinterred at Rome in the year 1501, and set up by Cardinal Caraffa at the corner of his palace near the Piazza Navona.

KERYGMA (a) Preaching, proclamation of religious truth. From the Greek kerugma proclamation, preaching, the noun from kerussein to proclaim.

(b) The chimpanaee: sometimes used as a familiar name for any age (perhaps influenced by Jack or Jackanapes). Erroneously made by Buffon out of engeco, properly ncheko. the native name of the chimpanzee in the Gaboon country, West Africa.

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tion.

aster is supposed to be about hope and new beginnings, especially for those in despair. There has not been much of it about for those facing economic gloom. Instead, from all sides, they are offered realism. Last week's jobs summit in Lille provided a typical exhibition of this school of thought. It was variously told that the answer lay in sound finances. lower government spending, cuts in welfare payments, more competition, more flexible labour markets, greater labour mobility, more training, faster change and lower wages to cope with competition from the

developing world. Many of these are desirable. Together, they offer a cruel myth rather than a beacon of hope for those who are excluded from dignity, security and a reasonable income from their labour. They are not even compatible with one another.

Stable, non-inflationary growth certainly provides the best background for business and individuals to plan ahead. So it is the best recipe for the dynamic economies of Asia. If stability requires high real interest rates and low economic growth, however, it will not create enough real new jobs. Nor will it make mature economies more dynamic. On the Continent, at least, the rush to meet the Maastricht tests and defend currencies has raised unemployment

Unless the indigent are just left to their own devices, more flexible labour markets, greater competi-

Cruel new myths give competition a bad name

tend to raise public spending and taxation. The lesson from America, the paragon of flexibility, is that a fast-moving hire and fire labour market goes with high unemployment. Until recently, low-paid workers paid for job creation there, gaining nothing from rising output.

At the moment, America's 5½ per cent jobless rate looks pretty good in Europe, where Britain's 8 per cent compares with 12 per cent in France and worse in Spain. But America has achieved that only after four years of solid growth. It has not done much better in past decades when that 512 per cent would have been outrageous in Britain and the welfare state was, consequently, affordable. It hardly matters whether a flexible market needs a pool of unemployed to avoid inflation, or that there are just a lot of people between jobs. Compare that with Japan. In Europe, labour mobility breaks down "free" family welfare systems. Lower wages for fringe jobs force more family members into

Internal competition and imports from low-wage countries are axing



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presses big companies to "downsize"

to raise returns and regulators impose ersatz competition on utilities to swap jobs for price cuts. Last week, the CBI/Coopers & Lybrand survey of the financial sector revealed that, thanks to rising competition and computers, nearly half the firms surveyed expected to axe jobs at the same time as they looked forward to more business. This may be good for the economy, but not for jobs, unless cheaper insurance policies, telephone calls and industrial

where in the economy. Conventional wisdom says that

In America, since 1993, the fastest job creation has been in companies employing an average 500 people. State encouragement should be concentrated on such young, grow-ing companies. Even this, however, is not as simple as it seems. Prue guru, told a small business audience last week that the best aid they could get from government would be state subsidies for redundancy payments. Yes, enterprise companies can

shrink as well as grow. If ambitious proprietors of smaller firms have special protection from regulations, employment laws and both personal and company tax, no wonder they prosper at the expense of leviathans. Big companies are supposed to be fat enough to pay for these social "extras". But they are also supposed to have become lean and hungry. No wonder they are shedding jobs so fast. Either the SMEs should lose their unfair advantage, in which case they might create fewer jobs, or the job-losing giants should enjoy the same derogations, cutting standards.

Given these less fashionable reali-

make a spectral appearance at the Lille Talkfest, via the unlikely revival of an old alliance between France and America. Unless someone can find some reason why European economies should grow at a pace not seen since the postwar catch-up period, the unmentionable suddenly becomes attractive. If permanent pressure to adjust to global competition makes poorer workers living standards more likely to fall than to rise, ensures that jobs are insecure and forces companies to cut employment to the bone, free trade and competition begin to seem public virtues the unemployed can no

longer afford. Britain opposed a code of minimum labour standards for trade, not least because it was the thin end of a wedge that might later be inserted into the European single market. But Britain is the biggest beneficiary of EU protection of geriatric industries. Manufacturing recovering and unemployment lower because non-EU manufacturers need a base within the EU's walls and English is the language of

multinationals. Free trade and competition have brought huge benefits to living standards. But they should not be taken for granted. If European governments think these are vital ingredients for success, they must adjust tax, spending and many another policy to make them work for the poor and unemployed voters of advanced countries. There is an alternative. Lectures are not enough.

police. The operation was later

extended to take in other

ings inquiry tested the SFO's

new-found mettle. Five years

ago, the SFO might well have

succumbed to the all-party

pressure from MPs and a

Commons early day motion to bring Nick Leeson back to the UK. Leeson pledged to

plead guilty to faise account-ing and obtaining money by

deception. In a series of

"under caution" interviews in

his Frankfurt prison cell, he

gave the SFO the necessary

evidence to secure a convic-

However, combating fraud

has become an international

effort, and up to 80 per cent of

the SFO's caseload involves at

least one, and very often three

or four, overseas jurisdictions.

Under the auspices of the

Financial Action Task Force

(FATF) on money laundering.

which comprises 26 govern-

ments, including the UK, vari-

ous accords have been signed.

These, coupled with other

between different countries.

mean that a defendant will

generally be tried in the juris-

diction in which the crime is

committed. Lesson's activities

centred on Singapore, and the

SFO argued that he should go

The SFO has enjoyed a

recent run of successes, culmi-

nating in the Forsyth convic-

tion. Muhammed Naviede.

the former chairman and chief

executive of Arrows, was sen-

tenced to nine years over the

£100 million collapse of his

business empire. Charles Dea-

con, a solicitor, got nine years

for stealing money from the

Apart from conviction rates,

it is hard to gauge how effective the SFO has been in

fighting fraud. Anecdotal evi-

dence suggests that fraudsters

who had considered setting up

a UK base from which to

launch scams against inves-

tors in other countries have

Attention is turning increas-

ingly to offshore centres such

as the Seychelles, whose local

laws have been dubbed a

charter for money-launderers.

SFO lawyers are having to

been deterred.

Belling pension fund.

on trial there.

tion against him.

Internationally, the Bar-

companies.

Death, here is thy sting

RADIO CHOICE

Venon: Jellylish. Radio 4 (FM), 10.00am.

Death will come as an immense vexation to Matthew Parris because he says it will stop him getting answers to all sorts of questions about all sorts of things. Jellytish, for instance, which occupy the mind of The Times columnist as he jogs along the Spanish beach that is bespangled with them. Is the jellytish capable of nostalgia? Can it experience regret? Jeremy Grange offers little help in his A to Z of the beautiful but often lethal sea creature. Although Parris hates the thought of being snuffed out so soon, even he cannot know how soon. When it comes to the jellytish, however, this latest edition of Venom can measure the span of mortality. Only a bullet, it says, kills faster than the fish some call the Electric Lady. Death will come as an immense vexation to Matthew Parris because

Making Sease. Radio 4, 8,30pm.

It's all silver-lined clouds in the first of Charles Handy's four inquiries into the changing face of the jobs market in Britain. But he ends his programme with a warning: later in the series, some silver linings will prove to have clouds. In a nutshell, Handy's philosophy is that the "jobs for life" era is over once and for all and that the "actor's career" will replace it in the shape of a succession of short-term engagements with no guarantee of a repeat booking. Handy gives me the impression that workaholics will get short shrift from him. For life to be a balanced whole, he says, there must be time to be as well as time to do.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

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RADIO 2

7.30 Wake Up to Wogen 9.30 Kan Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30 pm Debbie Thrower 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Durn 7.00 Hayes over Britain 8.30 Ticking with horses 9.00 Can't Stop The Muzak 10.00 The Bita Fitzgerald Songbooks 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05em Steve Madden including at 13.0 Pause for Thought 3.00-6.00 Alex Lester, including at 3.30 Pause tor Thought

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breaklast Programme, incl 8.55, 7.55 racing preview 8.35 The Magazine, incl 10.35 News from Europe 11.30 Environ-ment News 12.00 Middley with Mair, incl 12.34pm. Moneycheck, 1,15 Entertain-ment News 2.05pm Russoe on Five, incl 3.15 Entertain-ment News 2.05pm Russoe on Five, incl 3.15 Prime Minister's Question Time 4.00 John Invardale Nationwide, with 4.00 John Invertise Nationwole, with Julian Womoker S.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Edra, with Valente Sanderson 7.35 The Tuesday Match 10.05 News Talk, with Nigel Cassidy 11.00 Night Edra, Incl 11.15 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am After Hours 2.05 Up All Night, with Rhod Sterio.

6.00sm Sendy Warr 7.00 Simon Bates 10.00 Jonathan King 12.00 Tommy Boyd 2.00pm Arma Raeburr 4.00 Scott Chishoim 7.00 Sest Bolger 10.00 James Whele 1.00-6.00sm Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00am Newsdesk 5.30 Europe Today 6.00 Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 World Today 7.30 Anything Goas 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Sheff 8.30 New Ideas 8.50 Songs for Children 9.00 News in German 9.15 Thiny-Minute Drama 9.45 Good Books 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 in Good Voice 10.45 Sport 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Newsdesk 11.30 Newsdesk 12.30 Mendian Feature 1.00 News in German 1.15 Entlant Today 1.30 News for Serve 2.00 Newsdood 3.00 News News in German 1.15 Britain Today 1.30
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6.00am Russ 'n' Jona 9.00 Richard Sanner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pe Nicky Horne 7.30 Paul Coyle 10.00 Mark Fornest 2.00-6.00am Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Bach (Triple Concerto in A minor, BWV 1044), Kachaturran (Dence County Colors (Der Abend, Op 34 No 1), Torke (Tuesday); Berlioz (Overture: Berrventuro Cellin; Weber (Clarines Concerto No 1 in F

Catriona Young, Verdi (Overture: La Forza del

Chopin (Two Potonaises, Op 50): Handel (Dixt dominus)

10.00 Musical Encounters.

Tchaskovsky (Gopak).

Stravinsky (The Soldier's Tale, excerpts) 10.23 Artist of the Week: Bons Berovsky, piano Medtner (Forgotten Melodies Nos 4 and 5) 10.29 Gabrilei (Hic est fillus dei);

Mercadante (Decimino 1);

Mozart (Ch'io mi scordi di te, K 505); Berg (Four Pieces.

Op 5); Bach, air Busoni (Chromatic Faritasia and Fugue, BWV 903); Liszt (Ehide d'exécution

(Ehude d'exécution transcandante No 4, Mazeppa)
12.00 Composer of the Weelc Georg Muffat, Includes, Concerto Grosso No 6 in A minor (Ouls hic?) and Toccata No 12 in B flat (Apparatus musico-organicus)

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1.99m BBC Festival of Brase.
Grimethorpe Colliery Band.
Arthur Butterworth (Overture:
Solent Forts): Philip Wilby
(Unholy Sonnets): Wiffred
Heaton (Contest Music);
Kenneth Downie (Purcell
Variations)

Mozart (12 vanations in C on Ah, vous dirar-je Maman); Rachmantnov (Humoresou in G, Op 10 No 5; Melody in E, Op 3 No 3); Tchalkovsky (Humoresque in E minor. Op 10 No 2, Dumka, Op 59): Kreisler, arr Rachmaninov (Liebesleid), Tchaikovsky, arr Earl Wild (Dance of the Little Swans); Pabst / Hough (Concert Para phrase or

Schumann (Kreisleriana);

Beauty (r)
3.40 The BBC Orchestras, BBC
Philhamonic under Vassily
Sinasky, Tchalkovsky (Violin
Concerto in D. Beiler. The
Nutcracker, Act 2)
5.00 The Music Machine.

5.15 in Tune, includes, Robert

Lieder) 7.30 Hailé Orchestra, under Kent Nagano. Mendelssohn (Sring Symphony No 10 in 6 minor); Mahler (Symphony No 5) 8.00 Between Heaven and Hell,

with Michael Kustow and Ben Kingsley
9.25 Kantorow-Gifford Duo.

Giuliani (Sonata in E minor, Op 25); Paganini (Sonata No 11 in A minor, Centone di sonate) (r) 10.00 Music Restored, Helen Garrison introduces pieces by Mozart, Glinka, Schubert and

Hossini
10.45 Night Waves
11.30 Composer of the Week:
Franz Schubert Includes,
Overture. Die Vierjahrige
Posten and Piano Sonate in
G, D 894
12.30a-1.50

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 File on 4. Mark Whitaker reports on current attains and

issues of the week
8.00 Science Now. Peter Evans
explores the scientific side of
Easter (r)

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8.30 Making Sense. See Choice

9.00 In Touch. Tory Barringer with news, views and information for visually impaired people

9.30 Kaleldoscope. Paul Vaughan talks to 1993 Booker Prize winning author Roddy Doyle, about his new novel, The Woman Who Walked into Doys in 9.99 Weether

12.30am-1.00 Jazz Notes

RADIO 4 6.00 Stx O'Clock News 6.30 The Board Game, with Nigel Cassidy and panel Stephen Bayley, Paul Burden, Alastair Ross Goobey and Nigel Whittaker

6.00em News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Tips from Women Gardeners 8.58

9.00 News 9.05 Call Vincent Harma: 0171-580-4444 10.00 News; Venom (FM only) See Choice

10.00 Daily Service (LW only) 10.15 This Scept d Isle (LW only) 10.30 Woman's Hour 11.30 All In the Mind. Professor Anthony Clere explores morality and personal values in the first of a new six-part

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Easton
12.25pm Double Vision, Once again Miles Kington and Edward Erfield go head to head in the radio chat show with ten hests 12.55 Weather

with two hosts 12.55 Weather 1.06 The World at One, with Nick 1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping

Forecast
2.00 Nows, Books & Company.
In the sidh of eight
programmes, John Walsh
looks at the best of the season's cookbooks (r)

season's cookbooks (r)

2.30 Comparing Notes with
Brian Kary, looks at English
light music with the
composers Emest Torninson
and Alan Owen

3.00 The Afternoon Shift

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope

4.45 Short Story: Seeing
Double, by Daphne Glazer
Being married to a twin can
lead to twice as many
problems in life (r)

problems in life (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast

Doors (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with isabel Histon 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Staffin's Nose, Alistair McGowan reads Rory MacLean's story (7/10) Mediumwave. An in depth look at the week's events in

look at the week's event's in the media (r)

11.30 Four Corners. The last in the series of off-beat travel reports Fergal Keane reports from Sri Lanka and Adam Fowler reports from the Russian Far East as the programme takes a look at some of the world's flourishing seneratist.

some of the world's flourishing separatist movements (r)
12.00 News incl 12.27am Weather 12.30 The Late Book: Devil in a Blue Dress, Paul Winfield reads Walter Mosley's novel (7/10) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service.

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Jon Ashworth and Robert Miller on the new look at the Serious Fraud Office

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Dented image brought to book

The Serious Fraud Office has a seriously new image. Staff return from the Easter break to a newly structured office, based on multi-disciplinary teams, well placed to tackle an increasingly heavy workload. The move marks the boldest attempt yet to shake off an unhappy association with bungled raids, cavalier investigations, and embarrassing acquittals.

Kevin and Ian Maxwell and George Walker are among high-profile acquittals after marathon trials costing millions of pounds. Roger Levitt received a token sentence after a plea-hargain with the SFO went wrong, and Asil Nadir trumped the courts by fleeing Britain before he could come to trial. The SFO enjoys dozens of unsung successes, but it is the high-profile failures that are remembered. Persuading the public to forget will be no mean task.

Under the new look, the SFO has reorganised itself into five teams of lawyers and accountants, each headed by a with regional police forces across the UK. Team leaders include Robert Wardle, who led the Elizabeth Forsyth investigation, and James Kellock, who oversaw the Barings

The threshold for investigating cases has dropped from £5 million to £1 million, and an extension to the Section 2 powers has led to a surge in cooperation with overseas agencies. including the FBI. The new image promises much, even if the continuing reliance on juries makes the outcome of "show-stopper" fraud cases as

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much of a lottery as ever. In the past year, the SFO has secured 19 convictions in 12 trials involving 24 defendants. About 70 cases are currently "live", and there has been a big rise in requests for assistance from countries as diverse as Germany, the Ukraine, Norway. The Netherlands. America and Argentina.

Many of the requests centre on the use of Section 2 powers to seize documents and interrogate suspects. The Government agreed to extend the use of these controversial powers just over a year ago, providing foreigners with a "fast track" means of obtaining information in the UK. The SFO hopes to benefit through increased cooperation in its own overseas

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High-profile cases included George Walker. left, Elizabeth Forsyth, Kevin and Ian Maxwell, and Roger Levitt

inquiries. The SFO's approach to prosecuting fraud cases has evolved from the old system of pressing as many charges as possible and backing them up with a veritable mountain of paperwork. Now, the approach is one of simplicity. Fewer charges are put, and are backed up with less, but generally more damning, doc-

umentation. The reforms follow the Davie Committee's report of March 1995, which advised against merging the SFO with

the Crown Prosecution Service. Thus reprieved, the SFO set about assessing internal management structure and relations with the police both potential areas of conflict. Many of the SFO's past problems have been attributed to internal disputes between lawyers, accountants and police.

The immediate changes are the work of George Staple, the SFO director widely criticised for his decision to mount a second trial against Kevin Maxwell. Mr Staple, who

retires in April 1997, believes the SFO is well placed to tackle the next inevitable cycle of serious fraud.

He believes that the fiveteam structure will help the SFO to cope with its greater workload. Each team will adopt its own group of regional police forces in the hope of improving relations.

Mr Staple insists that morale is good, but admits frustration that the SFO's many successes go largely unreported. He said: "I think the the SFO. Before the SFO, these cases weren't done very well. We didn't have the know-how: we didn't have the powers to conduct the investigation. The whole approach was very different.

The increased interplay with regional police forces is witnessed in the ongoing case of Rom Data, a failed West Country computer firm. The SFO investigation, codenamed Operation Gale, was launched last autumn in conjunction

KEY DATES IN THE HISTORY OF THE SFO

AUG 1990: Guinness I trial results in conviction of Ernest Saunders, Gerald Ronson, Anthony Parnes, and Jack Lyons. Saunders later takes his case to the European Court of Human Rights. JUNE 1991: Robert Miller, sole director of Dunsdale Securities, jailed for six years on fraud and theft charges. Freed in March 1993 after serving 21 months. FEB 1992: Peter Clowes convicted of theft and fraud after 112-day trial. Sentenced to ten years in prison, but freed after four years. Now suing the Home Secretary. AUG 1992: Final Blue Arrow defendants cleared in one of worst debacles for SFO. First four of 14 defendants found guilty. but cleared on appeal.

stealing E5.2 million from Guinness. Ward claimed the payment was a success

SEPT 1993: Syed Akbar jailed for six years in the first of a string of Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) cases. BCCI remains a high-spot for the SFO.

NOV 1993: Roger Levitt pleads guilty to misleading financial regulators. Sentenced to 180 hours' community service. MARCH 1994: Wallace Duncan Smith jailed for six years over £100 million

banking fraud. MAY 1994: Nazmudin Virani, former head of Control Securities, sentenced to

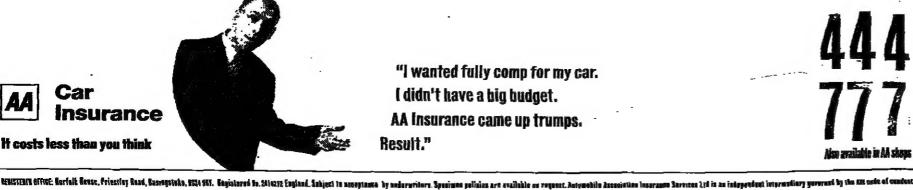
FEB 1993: Thomas Ward cleared of 212 years for hoodwinking BCCI's auditors. Freed in August 1995.

OCT 1994: George Walker cleared of orchestrating £19.3 million profits fraud at Brent Walker. Wilfred Aquilina, former finance director, convicted of one charge of false accounting and fined £25,000. JAN 1996: Kevin and Ian Maxwell, and

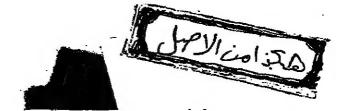
Larry Trachtenberg, former adviser, cleared of E122 million conspiracy to defraud Maxwell pensioners. SFO announces plans for second Maxwell trial. MARCH 1996: Elizabeth Forsyth, former aide to Asil Nadir, convicted of handling nearly £400,000 in stolen funds. Senteneing expected on April 24.

drop potential prosecutions ise of the obstacles placed in their way by small island states. A change of image is not always enough.

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In the spring time . . . when birds do sing

locked in a cage for most of the year but released for Easter and other holidays, is consistent in his inconsistency. In particular, his manic approach to programming dictates that the standard junctions of viewing life will all be moved for the duration. Thus the BBC Nine O'Clock

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News can be relied upon to turn up either an hour early or five minutes late and ITV's News at Ten appears, ah yes, at 11 (in last night's case). Why is this? The Times does not appear in the afternoon nor the London Evening Standard over breakfast, just because a holiday has been declared.

Alas, The Mad Scheduler does not stop there. He is also a junkie for repeats and "specials", the usual fodder of holiday times. devices that give the schedules the appearance of mutton dressed as lamb: we must be mad cows to

And yet, and yet ... it should be said in mitigation that one special and one repeat worked triumphantly last night. Another special, a disastrously limp The Vicar of Dibley, stained the hearth like a neglected Easter egg trodden on by children.

The good special and the good repeat were back to back on BBC2 First came Attenborough in Paradise. "a special edition of The Natural World", in which Sir David went to New Guinea to find birds of paradise. Rory Bremner is one among several who have paid the mortgage by sending up Attenborough's breathless and reverent delivery but I eschew such frippery: I love the man.

Attenborough is a truly great broadcaster. The tedious fools of the "been there, done that" tendency may mock his enthusiasm but ! celebrate it. He is completely at home in front of a television cam-

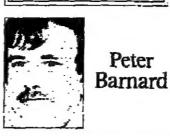
when he is addressing it. Of his generation, only Sir David Frost can match Attenborough's extraordinary affinity with the medium.

Attenborough's pursuit of birds paradise was, he said, a lifetime's ambition. He had a go 40 years back, but on that occasion only found the bits of the birds being used as adornment and even currency by natives yet to receive any junk mail from environmen-

Tow Attenburough fared better, after climbing a tree. You fired a thin line over a branch (he explained) which had attached to it a climbing rope. At the other end of the rope was a weight, used as a counter balance. As the counter balance moved downwards so the other end of the rope moved upwards, with Attenborough attached to it.

At the top, birds of paradise in

REVIEW



every conceivable hue, a fabulous riot of greens, blues, whites, yellows. And that was just one of them. A single male in a given group - flock sounds too prosaic had his way with all the females. The other males sat singing their protest: "You call this paradise? You call this paradise?

Elsewhere in New Guinca, the social behaviour of these birds is as different as their plumage.

Lower down, fund is plentiful so there is time for hanky panky. On the high ground, 11,000 feet up, the birds only mate once because there is no time for polygamy; food is short, so both the female and the male have to hunt.

Urban moral: the closer you live to Sainsbury's, the more children you can have.

I thoroughly enjoyed The Vicar of Dibley (BBCI) when it was a proper series in which each episode lasted half an hour. Last night's "Easter special" was a loose piece of work stretched to 40 minutes, It showed. Thin joke followed thin joke. Dawn French was trying to give up checolate for Easter. Unfortunately the writers, Paul Mayhew Archer and Richard Curtis, had given up wit.

I fear the dead hand of The Mad Scheduler again: "What was that ratings success we had last year? Thing with Dawn French? Let's have one of those ... only longer." high standard, but they were making bricks with the straw on ration. Which leaves me no further

excuse to delay trying to write about Anne Frank Remembered (BBC2). This was a repeat: it was rushed into the schedules because it won an Oscar recently. If that was an excuse, it was a very good one indeed.

arely have I been so moved. Rarely has documentary Karely has relevision, good as it can be. reached this level of meticulous excellence. From the interviews with those who knew Anne Frank, through the narration (by Kenneth Branagh) to the direction of Jon Blair, this is a stunning account of the Dutch teenager's contribution to our knowledge of the Holocaust,

Perhaps the central strength of the film lies off-screen, in its untiring research, in its determination to find the people who Matthew Bond is on holiday

spoke with a shanering dignity and there were so many defining moments that none can define the

This Easter weekend began with a news report of a grotesque folly: the Polish authorities had allowed right-wing extremists who deny the Holocaust to protest inside Auschwitz. The weekend ended, in Anne Frank Remembered, with a survivor from Bergen-Belsen telling how she saw Anne Frank's body dumped with a pile of others after she had died of typhus

induced by cruel neglect. The survivor recalled how she had scrambled among the bodies. trying to close the eyes of as many as she could. How sad that the victims of Hitler lay dead with their eyes open, white, 50 years on. the Fascist skinheads of Poland live with their eyes closed.

BBC 6.00am Business Breakfast (22606) 7.00 BBC Breaklast News (Ceefax) (53977) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Cestax)

9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (7275606) 9.45 Kilroy. Topical discussion (1335199) 10.30 Good Morning (s) (36731)

12.00 News (Ceetax), regional news and weather (6038809) 12.05pm Room for Improvement (8816199) 12.35 Going for Gold (s) (3967557)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceetax) and weather (56064)

1,30 Regional Neure (94609354) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceetax) (s) (44718118) 2.00 FILM: Diagnosis of Murder (1991) starring Dick van Dyke. When his mend is framed for murder, a doctor tries to clear his name. Directed by Barry Steinberg

(Ceelax) (s) (33373) 3.30 Playdays (r) (s) (1840712) 3.50 Bodge and Badger (r) (s) (7874286) 4.00 Aivin and the Chipmunks (7603147) 4.10 Dennis the Menace (Ceelax) (s) (2047199) 4.35 Out of Tune (Ceetax) (s) (9646809) 5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (1142480) 5.10 The Londown (Ceefax) (1348064)

5.35pm Neighbours (r) (Ceelax) (s) (409460) 6.00 Sbx O'Clock News (Cestax) (644) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (996)

7.00 Holiday. Includes reports from Japan. Scotland, Germany and the Greek Island of Laticas (Ceetast) (s) (4083)

7.30 EastEnders. Pauline tells Mark the truth about ther prison visits; Sarah brings bad pews for Titlany (Ceetax) (s) (880) 8.00 Great Ormond Street. Tonight two private patients are treated: buby Fatima, who has been flown to Britain by the Omani Government for heart surgery;

and eight-year-old Bradley who needs plastic surgery (Ceelax) (3731) 8.30 The Brittes Empire. Cornedy of errors with the pedantic leisure centre manager played by Chris Banle (Ceelax) (s) (9538)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2977) 9.30 Men Behaving Badly: Infidelity. Gary suspects Dorothy of having an affeir (r) (Ceefax) (s) (61809)

10.00 Cardiac Arrest: Open and Shut. Realistic hospital drama series (Ceetax) (s) (47731)

10.30 They Think it's All Over. Comedian Nick Hancock comperes the garne of with and sporting knowledge (Ceetax) (s)

11.05 FILM: Weird Science (1985) starring Anthony Michael Hall, Itan Mitcheli-Smith and Kelly LeBrock. Fantasy comedy. Two adolescent computer buffs create their dream women in an experiment involving a computer, a doll and the centrefold from a pin-up magazine, Directed by John Hughes (Ceefax) (s) (873731)

12,35 FILM: Modern Love (1990) starting Burt Reynolds, Robby Benson and Karla DeVito. A newly-married couple reconcile their dreams with bizarre reality. Directed by Robby Benson (638300) 2.15am Weather (5817107)

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6.00am Open University: Lifestyles, Work and the Family (7084147) 6.50

Developing World (8862731) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (Ceefax)

7.30 Christopher Crocodile (r) (7592422)
7.35 Poddington Peas (r) (7591793)
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12.00 See Hear! (r) (44644) 12:30pm Working Lunch (72915) 4.00 Poddington Peas (r) (16700422) 1.05 Oakle Doke (r) (s) (42930335)

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3.55 News (Ceelax) and weather (2130828) 4.00 Today's the Day (s) (809 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (793) 5.00 The Oprah Wistfrey Show (Ceelax) (s)

5.40 The Ladies of the House. Teress Gorman explains how she gets her points across to male MPs (938557) 6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air (a) (478151)

5.25 Heartbreak High (Ceafax) (s) (376170) 7.10 The Ren and Stimpy Show (Caefax) (s) 7.30 A Technophobes' Guide to the Future

A series looking at the type of technology that is now shaping people's fives (s)



Knitter Ellean Early (8.00pm)

8.00 2 An Obsession with Rabbits (Ceefax) (1373) 8.30 Food and Drink, Michael Berry makes tramisu and Jilly Goolden and Oz Clarke celebrate English wines (2080)

single high-profile case in and out of the countroom (Ceetax) (s) (290373)

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Moving Pictures

CHOICE

An Obsession with ... Rabbits

BBC2. 8,00pm Nicholas Southgate's film interviews nine people involved in one way or another with rabbits and seldom has half an hour passed so quickly. You would not think that one species could spark such a diversity of attitudes and interests. Rabbit lovers will warm to Patricia Tilke, who looks after 33 of the creatures at her home and reckons they have a healing influence. Eileen Early uses rabbit fur to knit jumpers, and is forthright about the creatures' sexual habits. A show competitor vacuum cleans her animal to ensure it is in pristine condition. The zoologist who has been observing rabbit behaviour for 12 years has taken DNA fingerprints of her entire colony. For the rest, however, the rabbit is there either to be used (in asthma research) or killed.

Without Walls

Channel 4, 9,00pm and 9,30pm Nabil Shahan, the disabled actor, launches a the cinema. His arguments are persuasive. Disability is often coupled with evil (look at the distigured villains in the Bond films), disabled actors rarely get the big roles and disabled heroes, such as Douglas Bader or Christy Brown of My Left Foot, are played by the able-bodied. Shahan also points to a succession of films in which blind women are voyeuristically menaced by serial killers. The deaf brother in Four Weddings and a Funeral, who is both played by a deaf actor and moves the plot along, is seen as a welcome atonement. In the other half of the show, Without Walls also salutes The Professionals, though whether this 1970s thuggery, sexist and racist into the bargain, will be a matter for debate.

Straight from the Heart: Forbidden Love BBC2, 9.45pm

In 1940, when the Germans occupied the Channel Islands, Dolly was a lonely young woman living in Guernsey. She fell in love with a German sailor. To her Willi was a person and not an enemy but with a war on such relationships had to be conducted in secret. The couple had a child, were married after the war and are still together 50 years later. But they cannot go back to Guernsey. Dolly and Willi recall their story in the direct, unsensational and honest style that other couples tell of falling in love across political and social divides. Harry, a Projestant, met Chris, a Roman Catholic, while he was in the Army in Ulster. They married but prejudice forces them to live in England, Mark talks about his gay partner from Brazil and how their relationship fell foul of British immigration law.

Perhaps a shade too long after the event, two

of tonight's items carry echoes from the Oscar ceremony. In deciding to profile the

hitherto little-known Mira Sorvino, Moving Pictures has hit the bullseye. Her performance as the hooker in Woody Allen's Mighty Aphrodite won her the award for

best supporting actress. Here is Sorvino in

person, articulate on herself and the peculiar

hazards of working with Allen. Michael Radford, the Briton nominated for the Italian-made Il Postino, won no Oscar but

the video diary he kept during the run-up to

the awards is a revealing insight into how a director can suddenly become a hot property. The third main item, about Terry Gilliam's time-travel film Twelve Monkeys, is a

standard backgrounder bordering on a publicity shot. Peter Waymark

Moving Pictures BBC2. 11.15pm

9.00 Murder One. Legal drama following a

Straight from the Heart Forbidden Love (Cestax) (s)

10.30 Newsnight (Cester) (580489)

12.00 Screen Firsts. Clare Kilner's black comedy about food and relationships: Symbiosis: Jamie Thraves's story of life, death and the perfect woman: The Hackney Downs (34316) 12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

6.00am GMTV :5303680) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (5) (7283625) 9.55 Regional News (Telefest) (6007064) 10.00 Batman (3) (6017441)

10.25 Disney Cartoon (r) (5243267) 10.45 FILM: Cheetah (1989) Disney him: set in

Kenya, about a family who adopt an orphaned cub (67946064) 12.20pm HTV News and weather (Teletest

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3.20 News (Teletaxt) (7910644) 3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7919915) 3.30 The Magic House (s) (8055199) 3.40 Tots TV (r) (s) (7863170) 3.50 Sooty and Co (r) (s) (1846996) 4.15 Animani

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6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s) 6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (663118)

7.00 Emmerdale. A Glover is rushed to hospital(Teletext) (s) (9151) 7.30 West Eye View, Investigative current aftairs (Teletext) (248)



The police cuff Reddington (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill. Boyden and Datta strucola in vain to get a conviction against a victous pimp. With Tony O'Calleghan, Andrew Paul and Ian Reddington (Telatext) (5199) 8.30 Married for Life. Pam explains the art of

being a housewife at Nikki's school's mother/daughter day (Teletext) (s) (4606) 9.00 Peak Practice. Andrew works hard to secure a life-saving operation for a patient (Teletext) (s) (7967)

10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (49199) 10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (781731)

10.40 Savage Skles. The last in the series explores all, aspects of winter weather (Teletext) (773002)

12.35 FILM: Hollow Point (1987) with Linda Purl and Terry Lester. A therapist who witnessed a murder is persuaded to take the stand, her evidence proves to be insufficient to convict the killer, leaving him free to emberk on a campaign of terror against her. Directed by Bruce Seth Green (s) (443774)

2.25 Football Extra (1261923) 3.05 Late & Loud (s) (7456132) 4.05 The Chart Show (r) (s) (5275403) 5.00 Special Report (37590) 5.30 Morning News (59671)

As HTV WEST except: 5.10pm-5.40 On the Road with Elinor

6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (663118) 7.30-8.00 Grass Roots (245)

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(663118) 7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (248) 11.40 Film: Daughter of Darkness (790335) 1.25am Football Extra (4506584)

2.10 Late & Loud (7986855) 3.10 Hotel Babylon (9557331) 3.45 Funny Business (81847861) 4.10 Jobfinder (8621565)

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6.30-7.00 Michael Barry's Undiscovered Cooks (444) 7.30-8.00 Serve You Right Live (248)

5.00am Freescreen (37590) S4C

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12.30pm Sesame Street (r) (65828) 1,30 Ovide (68417915) 1.55 Hotel a La Swing (b/w). A musical short with Eddie Foy Jr and the Mullen Sisters.

Directed by Roy Mack (44780335) 2.20 FILM: Footsteps in the Fog (1955) with Stewart Granger and Jean Simmons. A thriller, set in Edwardian London, about a maid who blackmails her employer after he poisons his wife Directed by Arthus Lubin (963557)

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7.00 Channel 4 News (781373) 7.55 The Slot/542016)

8.00 Motormania. The last of the series on motoring looks at the progress, or lack of it, in easing congestion on the roads (Teletext) (s) (6441)

8.30 Brookside. Ron realises it is time for action and Mo discovers the truth about Rosie (Teletext) (s) (2248)



Actor Nabil Sheban (9.00pm

9.00 CHOIGE Without Walle: Supercrips and Rejects (Teletext) (8915) 9.30 CHOICE Without Walls: C4PD — The Professionals (Telelent) (87847)

10.00 And the Best Goes On. Nicholas Spencer's political aspirations are under threat as he and his wife Connie struggle to try to cover up the tragic hit and run incident, hoping to avoid a public scandal (Teletevt) (s) (3564712)

11.05 Big Mouth. (4/9) Tony Parsons with an

opinionated look at all manner of topics (Teletext) (s) (185248) 12.10mm Nurses. Black comedy set in a Florida hospital.(Teletext) (s) (1899403)

12.40 FILM: Counterfeiters (1948, b/w) with John Sutton and Douglas Blackley A B-movie thriller about a Scotland Yard detective who joins torces with a US Secret Service agent to bring a counterleiling gang to justice. Directed by Peter Stewart (2449519)

1.55 Transformations. The first of a four-part examination of the new ways of thought in man's relationship to the world from a scientific, philosophical and ethical point

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(16812539) 9.30-10.00 Dinosaurs

EUROSPORT 7.30am Cycling (12285) 8.30 Motorcycling (18536) 10.00 Motorsports (49712) 11.00 Speed (1002712) 11.15 Football (6155118) 12.00 Boxing (51278) 1.00pm Speedwork (12.00 Boxing 151278) 1.00pm Speedwork

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THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL 4.00mm Living Word 5.00 Kernath Copeland 6.30 Kidz TV 5.45 Chronides of Revival 6.15 Colin Dye 6.45-7.00 Christian

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BUSINESS EDITOR LINDSAY COOK

Big fraud trials to resume at **Bailey**

By ROBERT MILLER AND JON ASHWORTH

MAJOR fraud trials are set to return to the Old Bailey early in June. Courtroom 12 in the Central Criminal Court is undergoing extensive refurbishment before the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) brings its first prosecution in what it hopes will become the home for future fraud

The SFO case involves allegations of fraud and false accounting against Abbas Gokal, chairman of the Gulf Group, and stems from the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International. One charge mentions \$1.2 billion, the largest single sum ever used in an indictment against an individual.

The Court Service. which agreed to help the SFO by setting aside a special courtroom, is installing 21-inch television screens for each pair of jurors. This is expected to help in the increasing number of SFO cases in which evidence is given by witnesses overseas. The court will also have a proper witness box. Unlike Chichester Rents, in Chancery Lane, host to the Maxwell, George Walker and other "block-buster" trials, Court 12 will have separate entrances for witnesses, defendants and

Chris Dickson, senior assistant director of the SFO. said: "The move to Court 12 in the Old Bailey restores the proper formality and dignity to these trials. It is right that cases of this seriousness are heard at the Old Bailey itself."

The move coincides with the most radical reforms by the SFO since its formation eight years ago. The SFO has been reorganised into five multi-disciplinary teams liaising with police torces. The reforms are tended to increase flexibility and responsiveness.

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Dow dives on fears of rising inflation

By Richard Thomson in New York and Janet Bush

WALL STREET share prices plunged yesterday in a de-layed reaction to Friday's slump in the American bond market on lears of rising inflation and interest rates. By midday, the Dow Jones

industrial average was 138.73 points lower at 5,544.15, a drop of 2.44 per cent. Treasury bonds were off another full percentage point after dropping by about two points on news that the American economy created another 140,000 jobs in the non-farm sector in March, more than double what economists had been expecting. At mid-session yesterday, the yield on the Treasury's benchmark long bond had risen to 6.93 per cent from 6.83

per cent on Friday. The stock market was shut for Good Friday, leaving yesterday as the first opportunity for shares to react to the fallout in the bond market on fears that the economy is robust enough that the US Federal Reserve will not cut American interest rates

Wall Street ...

again and that inflationary pressures may mount. The London market is expected to react — but perhaps not dramatically — when it opens today after the Easter break.

Stocks dropped the minute the opening bell sounded on the New York Stock Exchange. When the Dow registered a loss of 50 points, circuit breakers - introduced after the 1987 stock market crash - were triggered, preventing trading in stock index futures in an

attempt to slow the selling. Dealers said that the reaction to Friday's figures had been widely expected, that the mood was relaxed and that a rapid recovery was likely.

One trader said: "This was very scripted, very expected. It's as if the market has been there, done that, seen it all betore. complacent."

Many market operators compared the fall to the 171point plunge a month ago that was also triggered by strong

employment figures. After that setback, share prices quickly recovered and marched to new highs. This experience is giving the mar-ket confidence during the current price fall.

But a growing number of analysts believe that the New York stock market is heading time. Michael Metz. equity strategist at Oppenheimer, the fund management group, said: "The underpinnings of the market are being shaken. Although a lot of people seem to think this is just another bargain-hunting opportunity, we are actually heading for a big correction of 10 per cent over the next few months."

David Schulman, market strategist at Salomon Brothers, said: This is going to be messier than March. We're in a correction of at least 200 points on the Dow - maybe not immediately but over the next few weeks."

With US interest rates apparently at their lows and corporate profits sluggish, some analysts think the mar-ket is overvalued and the bargain hunters are on the wrong track. The Commerce Department said yesterday that profits of US manufacturing companies had weakened in the fourth quarter to 5.1 cents a dollar of sales from 5.8 cents in the third quarter.

Nervousness about Wall Street's reaction to Friday's bond sell-off and jobs figures badly hit Far Eastern markets overnight. On the Tokyo Stock Exchange, the 225-Nikkei share average closed down 271.60 points at 21,424.24, a loss of 1.25 per cent. There was also a knock-on effect on markets in Mexico, which are particularly sensitive to developments in the US. At mid-session, the stock market had fallen 1.55 per cent and the Mexican peso was sharply lower.

The dollar held quite steady in New York trading, having been banered overnis Far East. At midday, in New York, the dollar was quoted at DM1.4773, up DM1.4750, but still well below Friday's level of DM1.4842.



Wall Street traders saw stocks plunge the minute the opening bell sounded

Lang leads UK's biggest trade mission to Japan

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

THE largest ever UK trade mission to Japan, headed by lan Lang, President of the Board of Trade, arrives in Tokyo today in a fresh effort to

narrow Britain's trade gap. During his four-day visit, Mr Lang will visit the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITT) to seek more action by Japan to open its domestic markets. He is likely to urge Shumpei Tsukahara, his MITI counterpart, to continue deregulating the economy and remove a thicket of barriers to international competition.

Japanese business leaders, who admire Britain's expertise in deregulation, have invited Mr Lang to talk about the

FROM RICHARD THOMSON

IN NEW YORK

TONY BLAIR is set to launch

a bid for the hearts and minds

of American investors in a

series of meetings and

lunches on Wall Street during

his visit to the US which starts

tomorrow.

One of his first engage

ments is a meeting at Lazard Freres, the investment bank,

with senior US financial fig-ures in which Mr Blair will

explain Labour's attitudes to-

wards inward investment and

markets. He will have to clarify his vision of stakehold-

er capitalism to men more

accustomed to red-blooded

On Thursday he will give a speech titled "Labour's ap-

proach to the new global economy" at a lunch hosted

the British Amercian

of Commerce.

competitive capitalism.

British experience in this field. have all the right gear." In the past year Japan's Gov-

ernment has taken some cautious steps to reduce red tape and improve transparency. While Mr Lang pursues commercial diplomacy, 135 British businessmen, including senior executives from British Aerospace, Boots and Manchester Airport will establish if the Japanese market

has become any easier to Included in the mission is a 20-strong contingent of garden equipment firms hoping to tap into Japan's expanding market. The fact that most Japanese don't have gardens, or only a postage stamp, doesn't matter," a British Embassy

predicted official said. "They want to

The embassy espies rich ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT pickings in the growing leisure BRITAIN'S electrical retailing market. A nation of workaholsector has emerged as one of ics is at last taking more time off. British sales of luxuries like the fastest growing areas of golf clubs and yachts have consumer spending but marfallen victim to the stagnant gins are set to come under economy, but firms catering to further pressure and another humbler pastimes are discovround of restructuring is on ering a profitable niche. the way, according to a report Japan's growing taste for published today by Verdict,

foreign goods, stimulated by the retail consultant. the strong yen, boosted British The report is published as exports last year by 27 per cent to £3.8 billion. Japanese expotential buyers consider making an offer for the electriports to Britain rose 9 per cent cal retailing business of to £9.7 billion. British car sales Norweb, the regional electricity company. Verdict expects Norweb to attract widespread are rising sharply, but whisky sales have been hit by Japan's discriminatory liquor taxes. interest and believes the two companies that would find it most valuable would be Com-Labour leader seeks to win over business world et, the Kingfisher subsidiary, and ScottishPower. Norweb has 2.5 per cent of the electrical retail market, about half of Blair sets out stall in US Comet's share of 5.4 per cent

and dwarfed by Dixons Group's 16.7 per cent. The report says: "If Cornet were to acquire Norweb, its number two position in the market would be consolidated. If ScottishPower won a battle, it would become number two and put a serious dent in Kingfisher's ambitions in the electricals market."

Shake-up in

electrical

retailing

By JANET BUSH

The proposed sale of the Norweb business leaves the field open for Dixons to launch a determined price campaign. Verdict said that it is not clear why Dixons had not aiready used its advantage to lower prices and deal a knockout blow to weaker competitors.

Verdict also expects further large-scale closures of high street outlets and that already wafer-thin margins will be squeezed further. However, Verdict expects demand for white goods to improve as the tax increases, rising interest rates and falling house prices of last year are reversed during 1996.

Boost for BAe as Airbus wins £1bn China deal

FROM TOM WALKER IN HONG KONG

the verge of selling nearly El billion worth of aircraft in China, breaking Boeing's dominance in the world's biggest potential market and guaranteeing large-scale or-ders and jobs for British

Li Peng, the Chinese pre-mier, will this week visit Airbus headquarters in Toulouse, southern France, placing orders and options on between 40 and 100 Airbus narrow-bodied A320s.

The dramatic switching of favours across the Atlantic is a product of China's displeasure at America's bellicose stance over Taiwan, dogged marketing by Airbus and some adroit muffling of anti-Peking senti-ment by Jacques Chirac, the French President.

"It's a major, major break-through for Airbus," said a company source in Hong Kong last night. "A clear age has been sent to the Americans that nothing can be taken for granted." industry analysts estimate

that China will need at least 100 aircraft in the ISO-seat category it is now Airbus's turn; we during the next five years. The lot of catching up to do."

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE is on two rival products — the the verge of selling nearly 11 Airbus A320 and Boeing's revamped 737 family — are both in demand, and China must place orders now for aircraft to be delivered in 1998. BAc, which has a 25 per cent interest in Airbus, builds the wings for Airbus jets at Filton,

near Bristol, and Chester. The A320s will be distributed between China Southern, Air China and Sichuan airlines. The unit cost, with spare parts thrown in, is expected to be about \$30 million, a significant discount on the normal list price for an A320 of \$45

Boeing has sold about 230 aircraft to China since President Nixon's historic rapprochement with Peking in 1972 McDonnell Douglas, whose planes are assembled from imported kits near Shanghai, has nearly 40 aircraft in service there, while Airbus has so far been able to sell just 35 jets to the Chinese.

The fact is that the Chinese don't like to put all their eggs in one basket," said the Airbus source. "There is a feeling that it is now Airbus's turn; we've a

Pilot run for work project

By Our Business Staff

A CONTROVERSIAL new government training programme aimed at beloing the long-term unemployed to find jobs begins in two trial areas

The Project Work scheme will be tested in Hull and Medway and Maidstone in Kent, providing 6,000 places over the next year for 18 to 50year-olds who have been out of work for longer than two

But critics have attacked the refuse to enter the programme could have their benefits

Eric Forth, the Employment Secretary, denied the scheme was based on the US workfare. programme. He said yesterday that he hoped no one would refuse a place on the programme, which involves 13 weeks of help in looking for a

job followed by 13 weeks of

work experience. Mr Forth said: "We just don't think we can have people on benefit indefinitely. Most long-term unemployed want to work and will value the help this scheme. He added: "Anyone who

refuses to enter or drops off the work experience programme for no good reason will lose some or all of their benefits." Mr Forth said that he hoped many people would find a job after the initial 13 weeks. offered work experience, in-

cluding community and environmental projects. Ian McCartney, the Labour Party's employment spokesman, said: This is merely the Government trying to give the impression they are doing something to tackle long-term

Graham Searjeant, page 34

unemployment."

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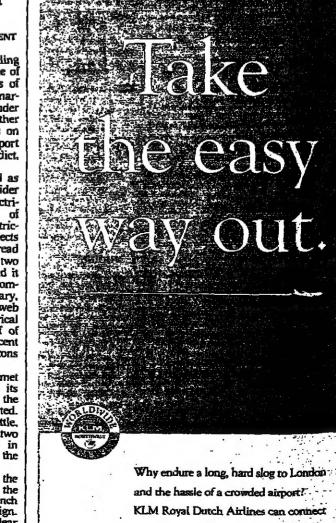
Blair: working lunches

Among the 550 guests will be representatives from most of leading US and UK banks, investment houses and accounting firms.

The lunch will follow a breakfast in Mr Blair's honour at which Henry Kissenger is the main speaker. Mr Blair of him because most US bankers and businessmen view him and his revamped Labour Party as an unknown quantity. Unlike Labour leaders of a few years ago, however. Mr Blair is not viewed with suspicion or hostility on Wall Street so much as puzzlement.
"People tend to think he is a

better technocrat than John Major, but no one thinks he would be radically different." one Wall Street analyst said. "I don't know what the new Labour means," said another. "It's obvious that Blair would

not mean a swing to a radical left government." Mr Blair is likely to want to allay the concern that traditionally causes ructions in the currency markets when Labour wins an election and will promise not to reverse the biggest Tory changes.

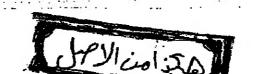


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